

(a) to (c) A proposal *inter alia* to include Surface Minor Irrigation Schemes of North-Eastern States and Hilly States of Himachal Pradesh, J&K and Sikkim has been prepared. No funds has been earmarked separately for Minor Irrigation Projects under AIBP during current financial year *i.e.* 1998-99.

#### **Awards for Agricultural Production**

1061. SHRI RAM NARAIN MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the productivity awards are given for increased production;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of criteria fixed for such awards during the last three years; and

(d) the action being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL):

(a) National productivity Awards are given for increased productivity to agencies and organisations engaged in agriculture production and post-harvest operations.

(b) Fourteen awards are given each year. Details are given in the attached Statement.

(c) and (d) For each sub-sector, an Expert-cum-Jury Committee determines specific sets of parameters for evaluation of the entries received. The parameters are both quantitative and qualitative. The quantitative parameters in various sub-sectors of agriculture include Yield Performance, Cropping Intensity, Irrigation Intensity, adoption of High Yielding Varieties, use of modern inputs, Manpower Productivity, Extension activities etc. The qualitative factors include Product Quality and Quality Improvement, Export Orientation, Human Resource Development, Farm Women Empowerment.

The awards given by the Government recognize excellence in performance within each sub-sector to motivate others to enhance productivity.

#### **Statement**

#### **National Productivity Awards in Agriculture Sub-Sector**

1. Agricultural Extension Services
2. Animal Feed Processing Industry
3. Bio-Fertilizer Producers
4. Command Area Development and Irrigation Projects
5. Dairy Development & Production in Cooperative and Public Sector
6. Dryland Farming Projects
7. Horticulture Development in Co-operative Sector
8. Inland and Marine Fish Production in Co-operative Sector
9. Poultry Production and Development
10. Seeds Corporation in Public Sector
11. State Agro Industries Corporation
12. State Farms Corporation
13. State Marketing & Oilseeds Federation in Co-operative Sector
14. Warehousing Corporations.

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#### **Support Price for Paddy and Wheat**

1062. SHRI RAJO SINGH:  
SHRI C.P.M. GIRIYAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have fixed the minimum support prices for paddy and wheat for the year 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof;