

*[English]***Green Revolution**

1104. COL. SONA RAM CHOUDHARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared an action plan to bring another Green Revolution in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the production target fixed for various agricultural crops for the year 1999-2000;

(d) the percentage of increase envisaged in the Agricultural production over the production of 1998-99; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to achieve these targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Agenda for Governance of the Government has given top priority for doubling the foodgrains production and making India hunger free in 10 years. The "food" includes food-grains like rice, wheat, coarse cereals and pulses.

(c) to (e) The production targets for various agricultural crops for the year 1999-2000 are yet to be finalised.

Research Centres and Projects

1105. DR. SAROJA V.:
SHRI FRANCISCO SARDINHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Research Centres and Projects under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in the country, State-wise/Union Territory-wise;

(b) the details of the funds allocated and expenditure incurred on each of them during the last three years, project-wise;

(c) the details of the achievements made by each of them and the impact on the agricultural production in the States specially in Andhra Pradesh and Goa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) Madam and Sir, the information required by the question is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House in due course.

Indo-Myanmar ties

1106. SHRI GEORGE EDEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Myanmar Government have requested the Indian Government to ensure that no anti-Myanmar activities take place in Indian soil;

(b) if so, the response of the Indian Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the relation with Myanmar?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) India and Myanmar have established institutional mechanisms at which measures to control the activities of negative elements on both sides of the Indo-Myanmar border are discussed periodically. The Government of India and the Government of Myanmar have assured each other that neither country will allow on its soil any activities inimical to the national interests of the other.

In recent years, several steps have been taken to strengthen relations between the two countries. An agreement was signed in March '98 extending US\$10 million GOI line of credit to Myanmar which is to be utilised for procuring Indian industrial and consumer goods and services. An MOU on cooperation in the field of Agriculture and Allied Sectors was signed in April '98 during the visit of MOS (Agriculture) to Yangon. As a follow-up to this MOU, a work-plan for 1999-2000 was finalised during the visit of Myanmar Agriculture Minister to India in August '98. Ways and means of enhancing trade and economic linkages with Myanmar were discussed at length during the visit of an inter-ministerial delegation led by Commerce Secretary to Myanmar in October, 1998. Foreign Secretary visited Myanmar from 25 - 28 February, 1999 when both sides reviewed progress in the development of bilateral relations.