

### Production of Software and Electronics

1129. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the production of software and electronics have increased during last three years;

(b) if so, the target set and achievement made in this regards during each of the last three years;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the export of these items; and

(d) if so, the programme prepared thereon for the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The production targets and achievements of electronics and software industry during last 3 years are as under :

(Rs. Crores)

	1995-96		1996-97		1997-98	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
Electronic Hardware	25,550	18,100	33,400	20,340	30,150	22,100
Computer Software	1,800	4,240	2,600	6,300	9,750	9,970
Total :	27,350	22,340	36,000	26,640	39,900	32,070

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Export of software and electronic goods has been given high priority in the strategy for the Ninth Plan. An export target of Rs.48,930 crores, at a compound annual growth rate of 52% has been set for terminal year of the 9th Plan. i.e. 2001-02, for the electronics sector. The programme include manpower development, provision of infrastructure, stimulation of R&D efforts; quality assurance, liberalisation of EXIM Policy (1997-2002) ; and simplification of procedures under various export promotion schemes for electronics sector.

### Rise in prices of Major Agricultural Inputs

1130. SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of rise in the prices of major agricultural inputs during the year 1996-97 and 1997-98 ;

(b) the percentage of rise in the support price of major foodgrains during the said period ; and

(c) the percentage of increase in the production of foodgrains during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) A Statement -I showing percentage rise in the index number of wholesale prices of major agricultural inputs during the years 1996-97 and 1997-98 is enclosed ;

(b) A Statement -II showing percentage rise in support prices of major foodgrains during the years 1996-97 and 1997-98 is also enclosed.

(c) The production of foodgrains, which rose by 10.5 per cent in 1996-97 as compared to 1995-96, is likely to record a fall by 2.6 per cent in 1997-98 over 1996-97.

### Statement - I

#### Percentage rise in prices of major agricultural inputs

Agricultural Inputs	Annual percentage rise	
	1996-97	1997-98
High Speed Diesel	14.8	27.5
Light Diesel Oil	29.6	0.0
Lubricant	45.2	0.0
Electricity	12.0	6.7
Electricity for Irrigation	No Change	4.0
Cattle Feed	13.5	0.6
Fertilizer	4.9	0.4
Pesticides	0.1	3.7
Non-Elect.Mach.& Parts	8.8	0.4
Tractors	11.6	3.8
Power driven Pumps	16.3	2.0

### Statement - II

#### Percentage rise in support prices of major foodgrains

Commodity	Annual percentage rise	
	1996-97	1997-98
	(According to Crop Year)	
Paddy	5.6	9.2
Jawar	3.3	16.1
Bajra	3.3	16.1
Maize	3.2	12.5
Ragi	3.3	16.1
Wheat	25.0	7.4
Barley	3.4	14.8
Tur (Arhar)	5.0	7.1
Moong	5.0	7.1
Urad	5.0	7.1
Gram	5.7	10.1