

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Thursday, April 20, 1989/Chaitra 30, 1911
(Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[Mr. SPEKAER in the Chair]

WELCOME TO CHAIRMAN OF SUPREME
PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY OF DEMOCRATIC
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

[English]

MR. SPEAKER: Hon'ble Members, I
have to make an announcement.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the Honourable Members of the House, I have great pleasure in extending our warm welcome of His Excellency Mr. Yang Hyong Sop, Chairman of Supreme People's Assembly of Democratic People's Republic of Korea who is on a visit as our honoured guest.

He arrived Delhi yesterday morning. He is now seated in the special box. We wish him a happy and fruitful stay in our country. We also convey our warm greetings and very best wishes through him to His Excellency the President, the Supreme People's Assembly and the friendly people of Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Fall in Groundnut Prices

*657 SHRI GOPALA KRISHNA THOTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of groundnut has come down by about Rs. 100 to 150 per quintal in 1988-89 as compared to that in 1987-88;

(b) if so, whether Union Government have analysed the causes for such drastic fall in the price of groundnut;

(c) whether the agriculturists are not able to get remunerative price for the groundnut and this is likely to result in reduction of cropped area during 1989-90; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to stop the import of groundnut oil to enable the growers to get a better price?

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) and (b). The prices of groundnut have come down from the abnormally high levels that prevailed in 1987-88 due to substantial increase in production.

(c) and (d). As the prices realised by the farmers for fair average quality of groundnut-in-shell have been above the minimum support price fixed for 1988-89 season, no shrinkage in area under the crop is apprehended on this account. Government is closely monitoring the price situation of ed-