

LOK SABHA

*Monday, April 23, 1984 Vaisakhe 3,
1906 (Suka)*

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

WELCOME TO THE CANADIAN PARLIAM- ENTARY DELEGATION

MR. SPEAKER : Hon'ble Members,-
At the outset, I have to make an announce-
ment.

On my own and on behalf of the Hon'ble
Members of the House, I have great pleasure
in welcoming Hon. Mr. Louis Desmarais,
M.P., Chairman of the Canadian Branch of
the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association,
Mrs. Desmarais and the Hon'ble Members
of the Canadian Parliamentary Delegation
who are on a visit to India as our honoured
guests. The other Hon'ble Members of the
delegation are :—

1. Hon. James Fleming, M.P.
2. Hon. John Crosbie, M.P.
3. Hon. Jake Epp, M.P.
4. Senator Paul Lucier,
5. Senator William Doody
6. Mr. Keith Penner, M.P.
7. Mr. Bill Blaikie, M.P.

The delegation arrived here early this
morning and will be in India for about a
week. They are now seated in the Special
Box. We wish them a very happy and
fruitful stay in our country. Through them
we convey our greetings and best wishes to
the Parliament, Government and the friendly
people of Canada.

Foreign assistance to Increase Agricultural Production

*761 SHRI MOHAN LAL PATEL :
SHRI NAVIN RAVANI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state :

(a) whether any foreign technical assis-
tance has been sought to increase agricultural
production, particularly of oilseeds in the
country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what other measures are being taken
to increase the production of foodgrains,
oilseeds and other agricultural products to
meet the demand of the country during the
next five years; and

(d) whether any foreign assistance is
being sought in this respect; if so, the details
thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI
YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (d)

A Statement is laid on the Table of the
Sabha.

(a) and (b) Foreign technical assistance
is obtained for individual projects prepared
after mutual consultations. The assistance is
generally in the form of experts/consultants,
training, study tours, equipment and inputs.

In the field of oilseeds, assistance has
been obtained from U.S.A. and Canada in
the shape of commodities for the Oilseeds
Development Project being implemented by
the National Dairy Development Board;

(c) Measures to increase the agricultural
production include the adoption of improved
crop production technology by way of use of
quality seed of high yielding varieties, appli-
cation of fertilisers, provision of irrigation
facilities, timely supply of credit and critical
inputg, better farm management and marke-
ting support, agriculture extension and re-
arch support.