

ment of fishery harbours at Nuagarh, Gopalpur and Paradi sanctioned in October, 1988, October, 1989 and February, 1990 respectively, is in progress.

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Production of Edible Oil and Pulses in Rajasthan

8034. SHRIGULABCHAND KATARIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual requirement and production of edible oils and pulses in Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government have chalked out a special programme to increase the production of oilseeds and pulses;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) its effect on the production of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA):

(a) The annual requirement of edible oils and pulses is worked out by the States. The demand of these commodities is met by indigenous production and supplemented by imports, if there is a shortage.

(b) and (c). There is no such proposal. However, for increasing the production of oilseeds and pulses in the States including Rajasthan, the following Centrally Sponsored/Central Sector Schemes are under implementation:—

- (i) National Oilseeds Development Project (NODP).
- (ii) Oilseeds Production Thrust Project (OPTP).

(iii) National Pulses Development Project (NPDP).

(iv) Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP) – Pulses.

Under these schemes, financial assistance is given to the States on various components like seed production, distribution of seed minikits, large sized demonstration etc. to introduce the farmers to take up cultivation of oilseeds and pulses with improved technology on large scale.

(d) These programmes have helped to increase the production of oilseeds and pulses without affecting the cereal foodgrains production.

Post Office to Gram Panchayat in Bihar

8035. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by Government to provide post office in each Gram Panchayat in Bihar;

(b) if so, the time by which post offices would be opened in those Gram Panchayats where these are not available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) A survey has been initiated in all the States including Bihar to ascertain postal facilities at present available in each gram panchayat.

(b) The purpose of the survey is to ascertain the imbalances within a State and to draw up priorities for providing postal facilities, depending upon the resources available, from year to year. 47 rural branch post offices have been sanctioned for Bihar to be opened during the current year. There is no programme or proposal to open post