

Centrally Sponsored Scheme for sugarcane development in Chattarpur district of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Sugarcane Development Programmes are undertaken in State Plan Loan assistance is also provided for sugarcane development to sugar factories from Sugar Development Fund

Ragi Production

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) the area under 'Ragi' cultivation, State-wise,

(b) whether the area under Ragi cultivation in the country, especially in Karnataka has reduced,

(c) if so, the details thereof,

(d) whether the production of Ragi has come down during the last two years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

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

(a) A statement showing area under Ragi during 1988-89, State-wise is annexed.

(b) and (c) While area under Ragi in the country has shown a negative growth rate (-1.39 per cent per annum) during the period 1980-81 to 1988-89, that Karnataka has shown a positive growth rate (0.74 per cent per annum) during the same period.

(d) and (e) All-India production of Ragi has shown a decline from 27.1 lakh tonnes in 1986-87 to 23.2 lakh tonnes in 1987-88 and 23.8 lakh tonnes in 1988-89. The reason for decline in Production are attributed to shrinkage in area and fall in productivity.

STATEMENT

Area Under Ragi Cultivation During 1988-89-State-Wise

<i>Sl No</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Area (Lakh Hectares)</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
1	Andhra Pradesh	1.68
2	Bihar	1.07
3	Goa	0.04
4	Gujarat	0.44
5	Himachal Pradesh	0.06

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<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
6.	Karnataka	11.40
7.	Kerala	0.01
8.	Madhya Pradesh	0.19
9.	Maharashtra	2.05
10.	Orissa	2.53
11.	Sikkim	0.06
12.	Tamilnadu	1.93
13.	Uttar Pradesh	1.69
14.	West Bengal	0.15
	All—India	23.20

Cashewnut Production

8190. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise production of cashewnut during the last two years;

(b) whether there is any increase in the demand for cashewnut in the international

market during the last two years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) Latest available production figures of raw cashewnuts for two years are furnished below:

<i>States</i>	<i>Production in Metric Tonnes</i>	
	<i>1987-88</i>	<i>1988-89</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
Kerala	13400	136900
Karnataka	22940	23680