

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 6.71 lakhs.

(c) and (d) : Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Government have sanctioned small landing centres mainly for the benefit of traditional fishermen at the following places during the Sixth Plan :—

	Estimated cost (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Sabelia	2.42
2. Chudamani	14.07
3. Pathara	2.50

Construction of fishing jetties at Sabelia and Chudamani is nearing completion. Preliminary work for the construction of fishing jetty at Pathara is in progress.

Production of Bajra per Hectare

*816. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether per hectare yield of Bajra was 632 Kg. in 1970-71, 544 kg, in 1975-76 and 472 kg. in 1983-84 ; if so, reasons for this decline in performance ;

(b) the highest yield obtained in the country ;

(c) the per hectare yield of Bajra in 1984-85 ; and

(c) whether Government will revamp its Research and Development Wing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL

DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) The per hectare yield of bajra was 622 Kgs in 1970-71, 496 Kgs in 1975-76 and 646 Kgs in 1983-84. Thus, the productivity in 1983-84 has been higher than that in the earlier years.

(b) The highest yield obtained in the country so far is 646 Kgs. per hectare in 1983-84.

(c) Final estimates of area and production of bajra for 1984-85 have not yet been received from all the States. As such, it is not possible to indicate the productivity of Bajra in 1984-85.

(d) Research and Development Wing of the Government is continually geared to increase the productivity of all agricultural crops including bajra.

Techniques to Reduce Cost of Pepper Production

817. PROF. P. J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have under their consideration proposals for undertaking a research project to involve preservation and processing techniques and finding out new uses of pepper, for involving methods and techniques to reduce cost of pepper cultivation and for financing pepper production and trade ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has under consideration a proposal to set-up a National Research Centre for Spices in the VII Five Year Plan. Pepper would be the major crop. The work relating to preservation and technological aspects pertains to

the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. The Ministry of Commerce who is concerned with trade in pepper have taken a decision to set-up a Spices Board, in which the existing Cardamom Board and the Spices Export Promotion Council will be merged. This would take care of international trade.

(b) The Planning Commission have yet to consider and convey their approval for setting up the proposed National Research Centre for Spices as submitted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Thereafter, the details will be finalised.

Per Hectare Yield of Linseed

*818. SHRI SRIHARI RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether yield per hectare for linseed dropped to 167 Kg. in 1979-80 from 275 kg/hectare in 1949-50 and if so, reasons for decline in performance ;

(b) the number of new and high yielding varieties of linseed released so far and the claims of expected yields therefrom ; and

(c) whether Government have any plans to revamp the Agricultural Research and Development Wing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) All India per hectare yield of linseed during the year 1949-50 was 275 Kgs. which went down to 167 Kgs. during 1979-80, which was a drought year. During 1983-84, the All India per hectare yield of linseed reached to a level of 300 Kgs.

(b) 21 improved varieties of linseed have been recommended by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for

different regions and agro-climatic conditions of the country with yield potential ranging from 500 to 1500 Kgs. per hectare.

(c) Yes, Sir. The research on linseed is being intensified to evolve high yielding, short duration, rust and wilt resistant varieties. Improved package of practices is popularised through the State Departments of Agriculture. It is proposed to take up development programme on linseed crop under the National Oilseeds Development Project during 1985-86.

[Translation]

Bank Loan Given to Youths Under TRYSEM

*819. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of youths in Rajasthan who have been given bank loans for setting up their business after their training under the TRYSEM (Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment) programme during the last three years . and

(b) the target fixed in this regard for the whole country for Seventy Five Year Plan and for Rajasthan during 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) and (b) : Under the scheme of Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM), the youth undergoing training may be given a tool kit costing upto Rs. 500. The trained youth are eligible for subsidy and bank loans, as per the norms under the Integrated Rural Development Programme, depending upon the economically viable schemes taken up by the trained youth for self-employment. Therefore, the self-employed youth includes those who have