

1	2	3	4	5	6
(b) Average yield in 1985-86	2032	2355	1172	641	345
Pakistan	1589	2250	1272	595	467
China	2951	5346	3546	2843	1702
U.S.S.R.	1647	3898	2906	1000	789
Bangladesh	2166	2100	792	625	690
Burma	1719	3208	1830	—	698
Nepal	1181	2000	1467	—	926
Sri Lanka	—	3066	1152	1065	727

For countries other than India, the yield levels are for the year 1985.

Legislation for Welfare of Agricultural Workers

*178. SHRI PARASRAM BHAR-DWAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Union Government to examine the desirability of having a law on an all-India basis to determine the rights of agricultural workers; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b). The matter regarding enactment of Central Legislation for agricultural workers was considered in various forums and it was decided that suitable legislation to regulate the working conditions and to provide for welfare of agricultural workers may be enacted by the State Governments themselves. State Governments were advised accordingly.

Telecast of Republic Day Celebrations in Andhra Pradesh

*179. SHRI A.J.V.B. MAHESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any item was telecast by

Doordarshan regarding Republic Day celebrations in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. An item on the Republic Day celebrations in Andhra Pradesh was telecast in the national English news bulletin on 27.1.87.

(b) Does not arise.

Release of New Varieties of Sugarcane

*180. PROF. RAM KRISHNA MORE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the new varieties of sugarcane evolved for different agro-climatic zones of the country during the last three years;

(b) the salient feature of these varieties; and

(c) how far these varieties have enhanced the production of sugarcane in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. G.S. DHILLON): (a) Ten new improved varieties have been evolved/re-