

**Ratio of Increase of Population  
Vis-a-Vis Foodgrain Production**

\*425. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the ratio of increase in population and foodgrain production in the country during the last three years; and

(b) whether the ratio of increase in the two fields has been assessed higher in our country as compared to South-East Asia countries during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION AND IRRIGATION AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH):

(a) and (b). The ratio of annual percentage increase in foodgrain production to annual average percentage increase in population in the country during each of the last 3 years is as under:—

1978-79	1979-80	1980-81
1.94	—7.51	8.21

Comparable information for the last 3 years is not available in respect of South-East Asia countries.

**Sharp Decline in Production of Khadi  
and Consequent decline in  
Employment**

\*426. SHRI R. P. DAS: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state the reasons for sharp decline in production of Khadi and consequent decline in employment of persons in the last three years as against the target set for those years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION AND IRRIGATION AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH):

There has been continuous increase in the production of khadi both in terms of meterage and value during the last three years. The employment has also gone up side by side, as would be indicated from the following figures:

Year	Production		Employment (Lakh persons)
	Quantity (Million Sq. Meters)	Value (Rupees in Crores)	
1978-79	71.50	76.54	10.34
1979-80	82.27	92.03	11.20
1980-81	91.00 (Provisional)	106.85 (Provisional)	12.06 (Provisional)

The levels of production and employment reached by the Commission are, however, less than the targets proposed by them. This is due to the reason that the Commission expected to raise institutional finance in addition to

Government allocations and had consequently proposed these targets on the basis of higher outlays. They could not, however, raise sufficient institutional finance required for achieving these higher targets. The targets