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Production of Foodgrains

1298. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by the Union Government to raise the production of foodgrains, oilseeds and pulses in Rajasthan;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to provide good quality seeds and fertilisers, pesticides and additional power to the farmers;

(c) the places where oilseed Research Institutes are located; and

(d) the details of improved variety of oilseeds developed during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAISHAH): (a) To supplement the efforts of the State government in increasing the production of foodgrains, pulses and oilseeds, several Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Crop Production oriented scheme such as Special Foodgrains Production Programme (SFPP) of Wheat, Maize & Millets, Project (NPDP), Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) etc; are being implemented in Rajasthan.

(b) The State Government arranges for supply of seeds, fertilizers and pesticides for the farmers. The Government of India allots fertilizers to states based upon orders issued under Essential Commodities Act. The State Seeds Corporation distributes seeds, supplemented by National Seed Producing agencies. The quality of seeds, fertilizers and pesticides supplied to the farmers, is

being ensured through the enforcement of Seeds Act (1966), Fertilizers Control Order (1985) and Insecticides (1968).

As regards supply of the power, the Agriculture Sector has been recognised as Priority Sector and all out efforts are being made by the State Electricity Board to provide power to this sector with the maximum hours of power supply depending upon the overall availability of demands of other sectors of the economy.

(c) Under the All India Coordinated Oilseeds Improvement Project, research on oilseeds in Rajasthan is being conducted at the Research Centres of Rajasthan Agricultural University at Durgapur, Novgaon, Mandore, Kota, Jobner and Sriganganagar.

(d) Out of the several varieties of oilseeds released for cultivation by the Central Sub Committee on Crop standard, Notification and Release of Varieties during 1989 & 1990, the following varieties were recommended for cultivation in Rajasthan:

Groundnut	—	ICGS-1 (ICGV-87119)
Seasmum	—	RT-46
Soyabean	—	MACS-58
Sunflower	—	MSFH-17

Diplomatic Relations with Foreign Countries

1299. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries with which India has no diplomatic relations;

(b) how our interests are looked after in those countries;