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Proposal to increase the production of maize

1904. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to increase the production of maize;

(b) if so, the steps taken thereon;

(c) whether there is a proposal to grow maize in some non-traditional States; and

(d) the details of the proposal of Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has a proposal to increase the production of maize by way

of increasing productivity. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme entitled "Accelerated Maize Development Programme" under Technology Mission on Maize is being implemented on 75:25 basis (Government of India : States) with 100% central assistance to the frontline demonstrations. An amount of Rs. 7.00 crores has been sanctioned for Accelerated Maize Development Programme during the current year 1995-96. The objective of the scheme is to increase average productivity from the present 1.6 tonnes per hectare to about 3.00 tonnes per hectare and the present production of 10 million tonnes to 20 million tonnes by 2000 A.D. For this the potential maize growing States have been identified for both Kharif and Rabi seasons. Action points involving a number of components have been formulated by an Expert Committee constituted for this purpose under Technology Mission on Maize. These reports have been circulated to the concerned States Department of Agriculture and Secretaries of Agriculture for taking necessary action. For 1996-97 Annual Plan, an outlay of Rs. 19.253 crores is proposed and is under consideration.

(c) Yes, Sir. We will explore possibilities of growing maize in all potential areas.

(d) As given in (b) above.

Study by small industries service institute

1905. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted by the Central Government's Small Industries Service Institute on steel rolling industries located in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details of the study report;

(c) whether recommendations contained in the report have been accepted by these industries to improve