

**ILLEGAL FARMING OF POPPY
FLOWERS**

3304. SHRIMATI URMILABEN
PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICUL
TURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any
steps to prevent illegal farming of poppy
flowers and restrict tobacco farming; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI
ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) The
information is being collected.

3305. [Transferred to the 23rd Decem
ber, 1993).

**PRODUCTION OF COTTON DURING
1993-94**

3306. SHRI AHMED MOHAMMED
BHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of
AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether cotton production during
1993-94 season which commenced from
September has increased in comparison to the
last year;

(b) the total production during 1992-93
and to what extent it is more in compari-
so to the previous year ;

(c) what are the States where production
of cotton has improved ;

(d) whether sufficient measures were taken
by Government to ensure that cotton growers
do not suffer due to increase of cotton
production; and

(e) if so, what action is proposed to be
taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI ARVIND NETAM) (a)
No, Sir,

(b) The production of cotton during 1992-
93 was 115.83 lakh bales i.e. higher by 19.2
per cent over 97.14 lakh bales of the previous
year i.e. 1991-92.

(c) The major cotton growing States
where its production increased during 1992-
93 are Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya
Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Tamil
Nadu.

(d) and (e) Government provides
price & market support to ensure that the
cotton growers do not suffer due to in
crease in cotton production The Govern
ment fixes the Minimum Support Prices
(MSP) of cotton every year. The cotton
Corporation of India (CCI) which is the
nodal agency designated for undertaking
price support operations, makes purchases
of cotton, whenever the cotton price tend
to decline. Release of quota for export
from time to time and (he market interven
tion at commercial rates, are also resor-
ed to, to ensure that the prices of cotton do
not fall below the MSP level due to increase
of cotton production.

LOSS SUFFERED BY N.D.D.B.

3307. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will
the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased
to s ate :

(a) Whether it is a fact that the NDDB
has suffered a massive loss on account of
its market intervention operations for
1992-93;

(b) Whether this loss in actual terms
is compounded if the imported oil made
available to NDDB at concessional rates
is also taken into account; and

(c) if so, what steps Government pro
pose to take to ensure that NDDB be
comes a financially viable operation|orga-
nisation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL
ENERGY SOURCES AND