

Besides, State Governments are also providing assistance for area expansion and control of pests etc., from their State Plan fund.

Distribution of land amongst eligible rural poor

534. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that land has been distributed amongst eligible rural poor during January, 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria of eligibility State and Territory-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are some objections behind this distribution;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the distribution of land is likely to be made during the remaining part of 1994 and 1995 to some more eligible rural poor of Andhra Pradesh; and

(f) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Foodgrains produced during 1993-94

535. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains that has been produced during 1993-94 along with details thereof. State-wise and Union Territory-wise.

(i) Durum wheat

(ii) Coarse grains

(iii) Pulses

(b) whether it is a fact that foodgrains production during the current financial year has been very high;

(c) whether Government propose to export foodgrains;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to continue this trend in future also; and

(f) if so, the details thereof as if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Final estimates of production of foodgrains during 1993-94 are yet to be received from some of the major States. However, as per available assessment, the likely production of foodgrains during 1993-94 is estimated as 182.04 million tonnes. The State-wise likely production of foodgrains for 1993-94 is annexed as State ment (See below).

(b) The likely production of foodgrains as 182.04 million tonnes during 1993-94 agriculture year would be a new record.

(c) and (d) As per existing Export Policy, export of basmati rice is allowed freely and that of non-basmati rice (10 lakh metric tonnes in a good production year and 5 lakh metric tonnes in bad year of production) subject to Minimum Export Price (MEP) of US \$ 200 per metric ton (PMT). Similarly, Export of wheat products is also allowed freely. Export of wheat, coarse grains and pulses are allowed to be exported subject to quantitative ceilings released every year having regard to the production and availability. During 1994-95 the ceiling released in respect of these foodgrains are as under:—

3 lakh metric tonnes subject to Minimum Support Price of US \$ 160 metric tonnes.
1.5 lakh metric tonnes.

10 thousand metric tonnes.