

each State have been established. The Boards prescribe standards for compliance by the slaughter houses.

The Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to modernise/improve existing slaughter houses under which financial grants are provided among other things for production of wholesome and hygienic meat and prevention of environmental pollution.

Production of sugar cane in the Country

3273. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN;
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the targets and actuals of sugar cane production in the country in the year 1991-92 and what is the target for the year 1992-93;

(b) what steps have been taken to achieve higher production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The target and estimated production of sugarcane in the year 1991-92 and target for the year 1992-93 are as under:—

(In lakh tonnes) —

Year	Target	Production estimated
1991-92	2300	2448
1992-93	2430	..

(b) In order to achieve higher production of sugarcane, the Department of Food has been providing loans from Sugar Development Fund to sugar-mills for cane development

on various components such as seed production, pest control measures, setting up of heat treatment plants, use of improved varieties of sugarcane, irrigation facilities etc.

Production of Oil Seeds

3274. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the targets and actuals of oil seeds production in the country for the year 1991-92 and what is the target for the year 1992-93; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to achieve higher production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Against target of oilseeds production for 1991-92 at 18.5 million tonnes, it is expected that production will be around 18.34 million tonnes. The target for production during 1992-93 is 19.0 million tonnes.

(b) A Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is in operation in 21 States in the country. Under this programme financial assistance is given to the States on key inputs like seed, plant production, chemicals, equipments, control root grub improved farm implements, rhizobium culture, gypsum pyrites, block demonstrations and frontline demonstrations. Integrated development of oilseeds is also promoted through the Technology Mission approach covering crop production technology, farmers services/inputs and price support-market intervention.

Requirement of foodgrains

3275. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is too much dependence on few

states for meeting the entire requirement of foodgrains of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that certain cereal producing state have also diverted to cash crop;

(c) whether it is a fact that area under wheat cultivation has gone down in the country, if so, steps being taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Wheat production is concentrated in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar. Whereas in the case of Paddy, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal account for the bulk of production.

(b) There is some diversion of area at margin from cereal crops to cash crops like oilseeds, cotton, coconut, sugarcane in certain States.

(c) There has not been any significant decline in the area under wheat cultivation at all-India level.

Revamping of Dairy Development

3276. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the study conducted in Saurashtra on the cost of milk production and its sale price indicating that the landless farmers make a marginal profit of only 5 percent as against about 10 per cent by the large dairy farmers as reported in the Indian Dairyman of June, 1992.

(b) whether Government are also aware that similar or worst dismal picture exists throughout the country in spite of operation floods and foreign aids, loans and grants which

have been poured especially in Gujarat Cooperatives; and

(c) whether Government propose to revamp the entire dairy development work and entrust this to states as dairying is a State subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) The study "Cost and Returns of Buffalo Milk Production in Rajkot District of Saurashtra" as reported in the June, 1992 issue of "Indian Dairyman" suffers from limitations in methodology and small size of samples. A recent study of Operation Flood milksheds conducted by the National Council of Applied Economic Research, which provides data on economics of milk production, shows a significant return to the household.

(c) Dairy Development projects are already being implemented by the respective State Governments/state dairy co-operatives.

Per capita availability of cereals and pulses

3277. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual rate of increase in the per capita availability of (a) cereals and (b) pulses during 1950-60, 1960-70, 1970-80 and 1980-83;

(b) what are the reasons for the low availability of cereals and pulses; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the availability of these items to the masses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) During the four