

(Rs. in crore)

State	Amount released
Assam	15.66
Arunachal Pradesh	4.40
Bihar	-
Kerala	17.34
Punjab	16.95

Target for Oilseed Production

†1253. SHRIMATI KUMKUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for oilseeds production during the year 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(b) whether the target was achieved; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to promote oilseed production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) The production target of Oilseeds as well as the achievement made during the year 1997-98, 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 is as under:

(in million tonnes)

Year	Target	Achievement
1997-1998	25.50	21.32
1998-1999	27.00	25.21
1999-2000	27.00	21.14

(c) In order to increase the production of oilseeds in the country, a Centrally sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is in implementation in 25 States covering 397 selected districts. Under the Programme financial assistance is being provided for the critical inputs like production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements, gypsum/pyrites, micro-nutrients, rhizobium culture etc. to the farmers through State Govts. In addition to this, frontline

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and general demonstrations are being organised on the farmers' fields to disseminate the improved production and protection technologies.

Fund to Orissa for Cyclone Relief

1254. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount given by Government to Orissa on different heads to different departments till today for super cyclone restoration and rehabilitation work; and

(b) what were the specific recommendations of the "Task force" constituted by Government of India to supervise and monitor the Super Cyclone restoration and rehabilitation work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Entire Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) amounting to Rs. 42.50 crore for the year 1999-2000 was released to the State. In addition, Rs. 30.70 crore was released to the State Government as two quarterly instalments, of Central share of CRF for the year 2000-01. In addition to those, Rs. 828.15 crore was released from National Fund for Calamity Relief to the State during 1999-2000 in the wake of floods and two cyclones.

(b) The recommendations of High Powered Task Force are indicated below:

- (i) All houses to be rebuilt should be cyclone proof with assistance from HUDCO, and the Department of Rural Development (Indira Awas Yojna).
- (ii) Construction of a National Coastal Highway along the coast line.
- (iii) Generation of forest belt along the coastal line by undertaking a massive afforestation programme.
- (iv) Strengthening of the early warning infrastructure.
- (v) Restoration of irrigation system.
- (vi) Long term schemes for drinking water supply in the rural areas.
- (vii) Strengthening of Public Distribution System.
- (viii) Redesigning of Employment Programmes.