

(b) The area and production of oilseeds at All India Level during the last three years are as under:—

Year	Area (million ha.)	Production (million tonnes)
1984-85 . .	18.9	13.0
1985-86 . .	19.0	10.8
1986-87 . .	18.6	11.4

(c) The yield of oilseeds for the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87, was 684, 570 and 613 kgs. per hectare respectively. During 1985-86 and 1986-87 yield of oilseeds declined due to aberrant weather conditions and droughts. However, during 1986-87 it improve as a result of number of steps taken by the Government.

(d) Oilseeds production in the year 1986-87 exceeded that of 1985-86 by about 6 per cent despite deterioration in monsoon by about 20 per cent. Due to the promotional works undertaken by the Mission, the area under the oilseeds like soyabean, sunflower, mustard, toria and safflower has expanded substantially over the normal level despite the severe drought in the country this year.

(e) The target for 1987-88 is 14.5 million tonnes and for 1988-89 is tentatively fixed at 15.0 million tonnes.

(f) The requirements of consumption oils is not fixed in terms of oilseeds. However, the requirement of edible oils is estimated at about 52 lakhs tonnes during 1987-88. The Government is making every effort to meet the requirement.

Increase in the price of rice

1866. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI K. MOHANAN;
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN;
SHRI NARAYAN KAR;

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state

what are the reasons for the increase in the administrative price of rice?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): The Central issue price of fine and superfine varieties of rice were raised from 1-10-87 consequent upon the increase in the support prices of common, fine and superfine varieties of paddy payable to farmers in the 1987-88 kharif season.

Special AIR programme for Indian Peace keeping force in Sri Lanka

1867. SHRI SOHAN LAL
DHUSIYA;

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether All India Radio is beaming any special programmes at Sri Lanka for entertainment of the Indian Peace Keeping Force and for countering the anti-Indian propaganda of the LTTE and others concerned, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): Yes, Sir. All India Radio has introduced a 12 hour Service to Sri Lanka. It includes items of entertainment and information to the IPKF and programmes to counter anti-Indian propaganda. The entertainment items are broadcast between 2.10 and 3.00 P.M. 6.40 to 7.00 PM, 9.15 to 10.30 PM.

The items to counter anti-Indian propaganda of LTTE are included in the various spokenword programmes and News Bulletins broadcast. The timings of the Spokenwords broadcast are as follows:

7 to 7.10 AM, 1.30 to 2.00 PM,
5 to 6.00 PM and 7.25 to 8.30.