

are 35 sub-divisions which are identified and what the rainfall will be is also given by the Meteorology Department. I have available with me the dates on which the monsoon will set in a particular area and so far, I have seen from the reports, the monsoon has broken in many areas. But it cannot be said at present that it will affect the crop production because it all depends on the rainfall in the months of August and September. Also in certain areas the kharif sowing is still going on; it is not completed all over the country.

श्रीमन् सूर्यकांत जयवंतराव पाटील :
श्रीमन्, मैं सवाल के उत्तर के आखिरी हिस्से को ओर आपका ध्यान आकर्षित करना चाहती हूँ। मंत्री महोदय ने बताया है कि कुछ एक राज्यों में खरोफ की बुवाई चल रही है। एक किसान होने के नाते मैं यह पूछना चाहती हूँ कि डेढ़ महीने के बाद की जाने वाली बुवाई क्या फसल देगी? वह फसल उपजेंगी नहीं। श्रीमन् जब बुवाई ही नहीं हो रही है, हमारे मरावाड़ा रोजन की बात अभी जाधव जी ने कही है। हमारे यहां आधे से अधिक जमीन खाली पड़ी है, बंजर भूमि की तरह हम उसको खाली देखते हैं। मानसून का बिगड़ा हुआ मिजाज हम समझ सकते हैं तो वह तो बिगड़ा हुआ सनम है। हम समझ हैं कि कुछ तो मजबूरियां रहीं होंगी यूँ ही कोई बेवफा नहीं होता। मानसून की बेवफाई को हम समझ सकते हैं लेकिन हम मंत्री महोदय की बेवफाई को समझ नहीं पा रहे हैं। आप कहते हैं कि बुवाई चल रही है जब कि वहाँ बुवाई नहीं हो रही है और अगर बुवाई होगी भी तो फसल उपजेंगी नहीं। इसलिए मैं जानना चाहती हूँ कि ऐसी स्थिति में केन्द्रीय सरकार क्या करना चाहती है?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now we will ask Mr. Makwana to come and command waves like King Canute.

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: When I say that in certain areas the sowing is going on, still it is not complete... (Interruptions) I am entitled to speak in the language I like. Sir, he cannot force me to speak in Hindi. Now I will not speak in Hindi.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon'ble Members are aware that the Minister may speak in the language of his choice—Hindi or English. You cannot compel the Minister. Mr. Makwana, now you can speak in any language you like.

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: Sir, I said that in certain areas kharif sowing is completed, in certain areas it is going on. The hon. lady Member talks about the areas where there is no rainfall at present. But it is very difficult for me to say anything about the effect on the crop production at this stage. I have talked about the entire country. It is not for a particular area. The overall situation can be assessed after the months of August and September because then it will give us the correct idea about the total production of foodgrains in the country.

Full in production of ginger in Himachal Pradesh

***325. SHRI CHANDAN SHARMA:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sharp decline in ginger production in Himachal Pradesh especially in Sirmour district during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the fall in ginger production and also fall in dry-ginger prices; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to ameliorate the deteriorating economic plight of the farmers whose economy solely depends on ginger and dry-ginger sale, and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) and (b) During the last three years, production of ginger in Himachal Pradesh and Sirmour district has been as under:—

(Production in Tonnes)

	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
Total in H.P.	477	870	983
Sirmour District	247	464	422

The level of production in 1983-84 and 1984-85 has thus gone up considerably as compared to 1982-83. The State including Sirmour district is not a major area for dry ginger production or trading.

(c) The Government of Himachal Pradesh have not so far reported distress sale of ginger and dry ginger in the State. However, in the event of fall in prices, market intervention measures can be considered by the Government on mutually agreed terms and conditions to help the growers.

SHRI CHANDAN SHARMA : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the statement is very much encouraging, but the fact remains otherwise. I belong to the district which is a major area of ginger production in Himachal Pradesh. So, I will not argue, or ask any question, about increasing the production of ginger. It is not like that. The ginger production in the area is falling. In this respect the Himachal Pradesh Government issued an amount of subsidy amounting to Rs. 16 lakhs which did not reach the real beneficiaries. I would like to ask the hon. Minister, ginger being a very costly commodity, whether any research work has been done on ginger.

My second supplementary is....

MR. CHAIRMAN : Afterwards.

**SHRI YOGENDRA MAK-
WANA :** Some research is done to improve the quality of ginger by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You should do something to ginger up.

Now second supplementary.

SHRI CHANDAN SHARMA : May I ask the hon. Minister what the percentage of the fall in the price of ginger is during the last three years, ginger and dry ginger ?

**SHRI YOGENDRA MAK-
WANA :** Sir, there is some fall in the prices during the last three years. I have got the figures. If the Member wants, I can inform him. I have got the figures of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra and West Bengal.

**SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD
YADAV :** What about Sikkim ?

**SHRI YOGENDRA MAK-
WANA :** Himachal Pradesh is not a larger producer. I have not got the figures about Sikkim. Whatever price figure I have got, I can give to the hon. Member because it is received from the State Governments. Himachal Pradesh produces only 0.86 per cent of the total production of the country. There is a fall in the prices in almost all the ginger-producing areas. But we have not intervened in the market because the State Government has not requested. It is done on the request of the State Governments, and they have to provide the data on the cost of production of the ginger and share the losses.

**SHRI DHARAM CHANDER
PRASHANT :** Sir, among the States, Jammu is also very famous for production of ginger being a hilly area. But there is no government efforts to increase the production of ginger. If some efforts are made, it can export to other States also. Will the hon. Minister assure that financial aid will be given to the State to produce more ginger in the State ?

**SHRI YOGENDRA MAK-
WANA :** There is no such scheme at present.

श्री योगेन्द्र वर्मा : माननीय कृषि मंत्री जी ने बताया है, मैं उन्हीं के उत्तर से संबंधित सवाल पूछना चाहता हूँ। मंत्री जी ने कहा है आंध्र प्रदेश, बंगाल और केरल में, मैं अपना तरफ से बता दूँ कि मिजोरम और हिमाचल प्रदेश में भी जिंजर का पैदावार होता है। मैं यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि इन सभी प्रदेशों

में जिजर के भाव 50 से 60 परसेंट तक गिरे हैं। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इसका क्या कारण है ? और आपने इसको रोकने का क्या कोई प्रयास किया है ?

श्री योगेंद्र मकवाना : प्राइज फाल होने के बहुत से कारण हैं। उसमें ज्यादा प्रोडक्शन भी हो सकता है। Deterioration in the quality demand in the market.

इन सब पर प्राइस डिपेंड करता है और जहाँ तक फारमर का सवाल है हम उनकी मदद करते हैं जब स्टेट गवर्नमेंट रिक्वेस्ट करती है। Government of India intervenes in the market, purchases at the fixed prices and shares the losses with the State. At present, except in Mizoram, Central Government approval has not been sought for market intervention so far as ginger is concerned.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Development of towns in Tamil Nadu and Kerala

*326. **SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:**
SHRI K. GOPALAN :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the towns/cities in Tamil

Nadu and Kerala which were given financial assistance under the Central scheme during the Sixth Five Year Plan period for urban improvements ;

(b) the amounts sanctioned and spent during the period in each case ; and

(c) the towns and cities in the two states selected for urban improvements by the Central Government during the Seventh Five Year Plan period and also the money budgeted for in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) : (a) and (b) Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) One town in Tamil Nadu, viz., Pudukottai, and three towns in Kerala, viz. Palghat, Thodupuzha and Manjeri, have been selected so far under the scheme during the 7th Plan Period.

Each town is eligible for a maximum assistance of Rs. 52 lakhs inclusive of a compulsory component of Rs. 6.00 lakhs for low cost sanitation works, on matching basis. Additional assistance of Rs. 8 lakhs for low cost sanitation works will also be available on matching basis, if opted for.

Statement

Details of towns included under the Scheme of IDSMT, amount of Central assistance released and expenditure incurred in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, till the end of the Sixth Five Year Plan Period
(Rupees in lakhs)

Name of Town	Amount Released	Expenditure
Tamil Nadu:		
1. Ootacamund	39.40	78.04
2. Karur	34.00	51.48
3. Dharampuri	39.37	61.00
4. Pudukottai	30.77	39.54