

increased during recent years as indicated below:—

| Crops | Production ('000 tonnes) | |
|---|--------------------------|---------|
| | 1978-79 | 1982-83 |
| 1. Rice | 3104 | 3576 |
| 2. Total cereals (including Rice) | 3296 | 3817 |
| 3. Total Pulses | 50 | 61 |
| 4. Total oilseeds | 107 | 124 |
| 5. Jute ('000 bales) | 976 | 1026 |

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Housing Complexes by Private Companies

782. SHRI G. VARADARAJ: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the various advertisements in the newspapers regarding construction of houses by various companies;

(b) whether these companies are expected to deposit any amount with Government or any other authority as in the case of Chit Funds as security;

(c) if so, what is the minimum amount to be deposited;

(d) whether any guidelines have been provided in this regard; and

(e) if not, what protection the gullible people got particularly middle class who invest their hard earned income in such schemes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Provocative Statements of Sri Lankan P.M. and Other Leaders

783. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the provocative statements of the Sri Lankan Prime Minister and senior leaders of Government regarding the issue of Tamilians in that country;

(b) whether Government have drawn the attention of the Sri Lankan President to these statements; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Sri Lankan President thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) Government of India are aware of certain tendentious and inflammatory statements which have been made by Government leaders in Sri Lanka and have conveyed their concern to the Sri Lankan Government at the highest level.

This issue was also discussed during the recent visit to Delhi of the Sri Lankan Minister for National Security. We reaffirmed to the Sri Lankan Minister that the Government of India was committed to the Unity and integrity of Sri Lanka. The Sri Lankan Minister has informed the Sri Lankan Parliament and people that the apprehensions voiced regarding Indi's intentions are baseless in the light of the