

acute shortage of diesel locomotives and their non-availability even for priority freight movement. However, to maintain essential services, one Mail train—No. 23/24 Somnath Mail—was dieselised for a few days during the period of acute shortage of coal.

963. [Transferred to the 11th December, 1981].

Production of rice, wheat, mustard and potato in Assam

964. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of rice, wheat, mustard and potato produced in Assam during the last three years; and

(b) the area undercultivation of these crops in Assam during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b) Statement giving area and production of rice, wheat, mustard and potato in Assam during the last three years is appended.

Statement

Area and Production of Rice, Wheat, Rapeseed and Mustard and Potato in Assam (1978-79 to 1980-81)

Crop	Area ('000 Hectares)			Production ('000 Tonnes)		
	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81
Rice	2241.3	2130.7	2275.0	2172.3	1880.8	2522.8
Wheat	68.1	82.3	102.2	69.2	92.3	118.3
Rapeseed and Mustard	196.4	210.0	213.0	85.8	95.6	102.4
Potato	34.8	36.2	38.2*	176.8	188.6	223.8*

*Provisional.

Sugarcane Crushing capacity of sugar factories

965. DR. M. M. S. SIDDHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total installed capacity in terms of sugarcane crushing per day by sugar factories in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra; and

(b) what percentage of installed capacity was utilized to crush cane by sugar factories in these States during the years 1978-79, 1979-80, and 1980-81?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b) A statement giving the installed capacity and total annual installed capacity in terms of sugarcane crushing per day, sugarcane crushed, and percentage of installed capacity utilised by sugar factories in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Maharashtra during the years 1978-79, 1979-80 and 1980-81 is enclosed.