

(b) The principal measures for increasing the production of pulses are given below :

(i) Under a Centrally sponsored scheme, an intensive programme for development of pulses, is under implementation in 56 districts, which account for nearly two-third area under pulse crop in the country. Among other things, this scheme aims at demonstrations on farmers' fields; provision of training for farmers and extension workers; production of Rhizobium culture; strengthening of the seed production and distribution arrangements; and expansion of plant protection measures;

(ii) In addition, States are undertaking pulse development programme from their own funds; and

(iii) The cultivation of summer moong after the harvest of wheat has been popularised by organising special campaigns in Northern States and rabi moong/urad in rice fallows in Eastern and Southern States.

Ban on the use of power thrashers and harvester combines

7. DR. RAFIQ ZAKARIA;
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA
HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal under Government's consideration to ban the use of power thrashers and harvester combines; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Utilisation capacity of the Bread Units of Modern Bakeries (India) Limited

8. DR. RAFIQ ZAKARIA; DE,
(SHRIMATI) NAJMA
HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) what is the utilisation capacity of the bread units installed by the Modern Bakeries (India) Limited; and

(b) what are the reasons for not fully utilising the installed capacity at various centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The capacity utilisation varied from Unit to Unit ranging from 28 per cent to 97 per cent during 1979-80. The average capacity utilisation over the past three years has been about 64 per cent.

(b) There are a number of factors affecting capacity utilisation in some of the units, like man-management problems, time required for developing a market for new units, expanding the product range, power cuts, labour problems, etc.

Progress of the Task Force to enquire into performance of Calcutta Telephone Service

9. SHRI KALYAN ROY;
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN
REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the progress of the Task Force which was set up to enquire into the performance and working of Calcutta Telephone Service;

(b) whether it has submitted its report;

(c) if not, what are the reasons of delay; and

(d) by when it is likely to submit the report?