

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to set up a coaching centre at Nagpur by the Patiala National Institute of Sports and Physical Education on the lines of one at Bangalore;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government have taken for providing coaching facilities to the sportsmen during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARA-NAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As a part of Government's programme of providing coaching facilities to the Indian sportsmen and women prior to their participation in international competitions, special coaching camps have been sanctioned during the last six months, in collaboration with the Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala and/ or the concerned National Sports Federations, in the sports disciplines of athletics, boxing, weight lifting, wrestling, basketball, hockey (men and women), swimming, football, yachting, gymnastics, cycling, volleyball, badminton and cricket (women).

Financial assistance has also been given to the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations for organising State level Coaching Camps in various sports disciplines.

Production of pulses

350. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA;
SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: SHRI
INDRADEEP STNHA: Will the Minister
of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have sanctioned Rs. 228 lakhs to be spent on the pro-

duction and development of pulses in the current financial year;

(b) whether Government have evolved any concrete scheme in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINAHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. To help the State Governments in their efforts to increase the production of pulses, a centrally sponsored scheme on development of pulses was initiated in the Fourth Plan (1972-73) and is being continued. The scheme is being implemented in 20 States and 2 U. Ts. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to the State Governments |U. Ts. for; —

(i) layout of demonstrations (@ Rs. 275/ha.) on the farmers fields to demonstrate the improved technology.

(ii) seed multiplication and distribution on as per details given below:—

Rs. qil.

(a) Breeder's seed multiplication.

Moong, urd and cowpea . . . 500/-

Lentil 350/-

Arhar and gram. . . . 300/-

Peas 100/-

(b) Certified seed distribution

150/-

(iii) Adoption of plant protection measures.

(a) 25 per cent subsidy on plant protection chemicals subject to a maximum limit of Rs. 30/ha. depending upon the chemical used.

(b) Ground operational charges @ Rs. 15/ha. and aerial operational charges @ Rs. 27.50/ha.

(iv) Strengthening and equipping the microbiological laboratories and also as contingencies for production of rhizobium culture in large quantities for supply to the farmers.

(v) Assistance is also provided for requisite staff and other contingencies.

The subsidy on production and distribution of certified seed and plant protection operational charges is provided on 100 per cent basis by Government of India. The expenditure on other items is being shared on 50:50 basis by the centre and State Governments.

Rise to support price of agricultural commodities

351. SHEI YOGENDRA SHAR-
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RAM: SHRI INDRADEEP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to raise the support price of major agricultural commodities for the current year; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the existing minimum support price of each commodity and the increased/ proposed price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN). (a) and (b) The Agricultural Prices Commission has been directed to re-work the prices of major agricultural commodities beginning the kharif, 1980 so as to fully compensate the farmers for extra investment they will have to make on fertiliser, etc., due to price rise. The existing minimum support I procurement prices, i.e. for 1979-80 together with the prices, for 1980-81 are as under:

	(Rs. per quintal)	
	1979-80 (fixed by Govt.)	1980-81
Paddy	95.00	Not fixed
Jowar, Bajra, Maize, Ragi	95.00	Not fixed
Wheat	115.00	117.00 (fixed by Govt.)
Gram	140.00	145.00 (fixed by Govt.)
Arhar	165.00	Not fixed by Govt.
Moong	175.00	Not fixed by Govt.
Urad	175.00	Not fixed by Govt.
Cotton (Kapas)	275.00	Not fixed by Govt.
Jute (Raw)	155.00	160.00 (fixed by Govt.)
Groundnut in shell	198.00	Not fixed by Govt.
Soyabean	175.00	Not fixed by Govt.
Sunflower seed	175.00	Not fixed by Govt.
Mustar seed	245.00	Not fixed by Govt.
Onion	40.00	Not fixed by Govt.
Tobacco	No announcement	Not fixed by Govt.
Sugarcane	12.50	Not fixed by Govt.