

SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARN ALA: Sir, so far as rice production is concerned, the hon. Member is perhaps not aware that the production of rice had gone up by 25.7 per cent last year

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SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA PANT: I asked about high yielding varieties.

SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARN ALA: This is because of all the efforts that have been made. Whereas wheat production had gone up test year by only 8 per cent, the production had gone up by 25.7 per cent in the case of rice. And in other things also—for example in Jowar, it has increased by 18 per cent, and in the case of gram it has increased by 5 per cent.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA PANT: What about the pulses?

SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARN ALA : Gram is also a pulse. There has been an increase of 5 per cent in gram, there was an increase of 9.4 per cent, in tur also. In the other pulses also, there was an increase of 4.2 per cent. But I would say, we are not satisfied with this 4.2 per cent increase. We are making efforts and trying to increase the production of pulses.

PROF. N. G. RANGA: Have any special steps been taken to promote the popularisation of the high yielding varieties and also to increase the area under oilseeds—especially soyabean—and also the fodder crops? It is because fodder crops are today very much in demand due to increase in dairy farming which is being developed rather at a high speed. May I know what is being done to meet the acute shortage in oilseeds?

SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA: Regarding oilseeds also, the production has increased. But we are not satisfied with that production increase even though it was about 9 per cent last year. We are trying to increase the production of oilseeds more and

more. Also regarding fodder crops our emphasis is that fodder crops should employ more and more improved methods of increasing its production.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Establishment of a National Institute of Ayurveda in Kerala

•246. SHRI T. BASHEER: With the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any proposal from the Kerala Government to establish a National Institute of Ayurveda in that State; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and what action the Central Government propose to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Statement

The proposal of the Government of Kerala envisages the unification of the four institutes, mentioned below, for setting up an Institute of Ayurvedic Studies and Research in the form of an autonomous organisation:—

1. Post-graduate Centre in the Ayurveda College, Trivandrum (run under a Centrally sponsored Scheme).
2. Pharmacognosy Unit, Pooj'a-pura, Trivandrum (run by the Government of Kerala).

(c) The [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]  
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