

PRODUCTION OF OIL-SEEDS

290. SHRI R.P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the total quantity of oilseeds, (cotton seeds and groundnut etc.) produced in the country during the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHB SHINDE): According to the 'Final Estimates', the production of groundnut in the country during 1967-68 is estimated at 58.29 lakh tonnes. 'Final Estimates' of production for 1967-68 in respect of other oilseeds are not yet available.

EXTRACTION OF FOOD FROM COTTON SEEDS

291. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any research work has been undertaken for extracting food from cotton seeds; and

(b) if so, whether any results have been achieved in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHB SHINDE): (a) Yes. Research work has been carried out at the Regional Research Laboratory, Hyderabad, under a scheme financed by the I.C.A.R., in collaboration with C.S.I.R. to develop a high protein-nutritive flour from cotton seed, fit for human consumption.

(b) Research conducted on pilot plant scale by direct expelling and solvent extraction process has succeeded in producing high-protein-nutritive cotton seed flour fit for human consumption. This work has been carried out on a scale up to five tonnes of protein per day on a pilot plant installed for the purpose at the R. R. L. Hyderabad. Further action in the matter has now to be pursued by the industry for commercial exploitation and extension.

292. [Transferred to the 5th August, 1968]

293. [Transferred to the 3rd August, 1968]

FOOD SITUATION

294. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the food situation in the country at present;

(b) what was the total production of foodgrains in 1968 rabi crop;

(c) the names of the States which are still deficit after bumper rabi crop; and

(d) the quantity of foodgrains which has been procured in 1968 so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHB SHINDE) : (a) It is generally satisfactory.

(b) 34.3 million tonnes.

(c) Taking all the foodgrains together, the States of Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Maharashtra, Mysore, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal are normally deficit and continue to be so though the deficit in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh is considerably less this year.

(d) During 1968, about 5.1 million tonnes of foodgrains have so far been procured by Government from internal sources.

विदिशा में स्वचालित टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज

295. श्री निरंजन वर्मा : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताते की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में जो जिला हेडक्वार्टर अधिक आय देने वाले समझे जाते हैं, उनमें विदिशा टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज की भी गणना की जाती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो वहां की सुविधा तथा भारवाहक क्षमता को देखते हुये वहां पर स्वचालित चालू न करने के क्या कारण है ?

AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT VIDISHA

295. SHRI NIRANJAN VARMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Telephone Exchange at Vidisha is considered as one among a big earning District Headquarters in Madhya Pradesh; and

†[]English translation.