

S.No.	Name of the State	No. of KVKs	Total amount allotted (Rs. In lakhs)
12.	Tripura	1	76.75
13.	Uttar Pradesh	4	243.68
14.	West Bengal	4	198.07
TOTAL :		73	3351.17

Annual growth rate of agricultural production

1932. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a target to increase the annual growth rate of agricultural production by 5.5 per cent for coming years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) No. Sir. The Ninth Five Year Plan has visualised a growth rate in value of agricultural output @ 4.50 per cent during Ninth Five Year Plan period (1997/2002) and @ 5.30 per cent and @ 5.10 per cent beyond that during the Tenth (2002/2007) and Eleventh Five Year Plan periods, (2007/2012) respectively.

Hybrid seeds in Gujarat

1933. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of hybrid seeds being produced in Gujarat;

(d) the details of Central assistance being provided to the State;

(c) the amount released by Government for the said purpose during the last two years; and

(d) the amount utilised by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The details of hybrid seeds being produced in Gujarat are as under:—

S.No.	Name of crop	Quantity produced (qtls.)	
		1998-99	1999-2000
1.	Cotton	9476	25182.87
2.	Caster	10035	25840.51
3.	Bajra	21566	32916.45
4.	Maize	770	943.13

(b) The details of central assistance being provided to the State for production of Hybrid seeds are given in the Statement. (See below)

(c) and (d) During 1998-99 and 1999-2000, Rs. 6.75 lakh and Rs. 32.74 lakh respectively were released by the Central Government. The State Government has reported that the entire amount has been utilized.

Statement

Details of Central assistance being provided to the State for production of Hybrid Seed

(Rs. in lakhs)

Assistance given to Institute	Year					
	1998-99			1999-2000		
	Oil seed Prod'n. programme	National Oil Seed & Veg. Oil Dev. Board	Total	Oil seed Prod'n. programme	National Oil Seed & Veg. Oil Dev. Board	Total
1. Gujarat State Seed Corporation Ltd., Gandhinagar.	—	2.30	2.30	0.77	20.00	20.77
2. Gujarat State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd., Ahmedabad.	0.31	4.12	4.43	—	11.66	11.66

3. Kribhco, Ahmedabad.	0.02	—	0.02	0.31	—	0.33
GRAND TOTAL :	0.33	6.42	6.75	1.08	31.66	32.74

Formulation of a comprehensive policy for Marine Fisheries

1934. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expert Group framed for formulation of a comprehensive policy for Marine Fisheries has since given its recommendations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the deep sea fishing policy has since been finalized by Government; and

(d) if so, the broad features of the policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No Sir. The Expert Group constituted on 28.12.99 under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. Gopakumar, Deputy Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), had four meetings so far. The Group also had discussions with various fisheries associations. The Group is expected to submit its report shortly.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Employment to agriculture graduates

†1935. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives being taken by Government for providing employment to agriculture graduates;

(b) the number of such agriculture graduates at present in the country who are unemployed and the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.