

(a) the States which are not self-sufficient in food production;

(b) whether any additional allocation of foodgrains has been made to these States during the current season; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much allocation has been made to Tamil Nadu over the last three years including the current season to tide over shortfall in foodgrains production, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA):

(a) India is self-sufficient in the matter of foodgrains given normal rainfall and weather conditions. On the basis of available data it is not possible to classify the States as self-sufficient or otherwise.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The allocations of rice and wheat made to Tamil Nadu for Public Distribution System from the Central Pool during the last three years are as under:-

(In lakh tonnes)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Wheat</i>
1987-88	6.30	3.60
1988-89	7.30	3.63
1989-90	6.00	3.60

[Translation]

[English]

Setting up of Regional Provident Commissioner Office at Katihar (Bihar)

Production and Consumption of Sugar

3298. SHRI YUVRAJ; Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

3299. SHRI BALVANT MANVAR: Will the minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up the office of the Regional Provident Commissioner at the Industrial City of Katihar; and

(a) the estimated production and consumption of sugar during the current Sugar year;

(b) the time by which the office is expected to be set up?

(b) whether there is any gap between the two; and

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to bridge the gap?

(a) No, Sir.

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA):

(b) Does not arise.

(a) As a result of various measures taken by

the Government, the sugar production during the current season 1989-90 (October-September) is estimated to be about 101 lakh tonnes. The internal consumption during the current season is expected to be about 102 lakh tonnes.

(b) and (c). With the increased level of sugar production during the current season and the carry over stocks at the beginning of the season, there would be sufficient availability to meet the internal demand during the current season.

Rural Population

3300. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA
MURTHY:
SHRI SHOPAT SINGH
MAKKASAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total population of agricultural labour in the country, State-wise;

(b) the percentage of rural population

the depends on agricultural work; and

(c) the percentage of women labour force in agricultural labour in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) A Statement is given below.

(b) and (c). No data is available in the Census on rural population that depends on agricultural work, as also the percentage of women labour force is agricultural sector in the country, as such.

However, the cultivators and Agricultural labourers both amount main and marginal workers were 161, 668, 218 for the country as per 1981 Census. They constitute 31.85% of the total rural population of 507, 607, 678, excluding Assam.

The female agricultural labourers (both among main and marginal workers) for the country as per 1981 Census were 28,490, 216 which constitute 44.85% of the total female workers, both main & marginal.