

(b) and (c). The National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has made studies on the effect of Kesari Dal and have found that its consumption is injurious to health.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) This issue was considered and there is no proposal to lift the ban.

(f) All States have banned except Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal.

[*Translation*]

Kendriya Hindi Sansthan

2180. SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Diploma certificates have not been issued to those students who have passed one year post graduate diploma course in Translation and Applied Linguistics from Delhi Centre of the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan during the academic sessions from 1990 to 1993;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the necessary steps taken by the Government for early issuance of the certificate of the said courses?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Agricultural/Horticultural Products

2181. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the work carried out to improve the marketing and processing facilities for Agricultural/Horticultural products during the last two years, State-wise; and

(b) the achievements made in this field during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*English*]

Production of cotton

2182. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH: SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of long, extra long and short staple varieties of cotton during 1992-93 and 1993-94, State-wise;

(b) the average per acre/hectare yields of cotton in India as compared to other cotton growing countries;

(c) the steps taken to improve cotton yields including international cooperations sought from other countries;

(d) whether the production of cotton during 1993-94 is much below the expectation; and

(e) if so, the reason therefor and to what extent it is less than the target ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR):

(a) Statement giving the production of cotton-Staplewise for superior long, long, medium and short varieties for 1990-91 and 1991-92 (latest available) is annexed.

(b) The average yield per hectare cotton (Lint) in India as compared to other cotton growing countries for 1992 is as follows :

(Kgs. per hectare)

Country	Yield
India	261
USA	781
Pakistan	598*
Argentina	487
Egypt	918*
Sudan	524*
China	681

(Kgs. per hectare)

Country	Yield
Former USSR	763*
Brazil	339*
Turkey	956
Mexico	750*

* Unofficial figures.

Source: FAO Production Year Book 1992.

(c) In order to step-up productivity and production of cotton, government is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme on intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP) in major cotton growing States, besides ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers. No international cooperation has been sought from other countries for increasing cotton yield.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The production of cotton is presently assessed at 106.0 lakh bales as compared to the target of 125.0 lakh bales set for 1993-94. The reasons for the cotton production to be less than the target are attributed to long dry spell during August and mid September 1993 in Gujarat and pests (Heliothis) attack on cotton in Punjab.

STATEMENT

Production of Cotton-Staple wise for Superior Long, Long, Medium and Short Varieties during 1990-91 and 1991-92 (Latest Available)

(Thousand bales of 170 Kgs. each)

State	1990-91					1991-92					Total
	Superior Long	Long	Medium	Short	Total	Superior Long	Long	Medium	Short	Total	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Andhra Pradesh	726	—	115	269	1110	860	—	136	318	1314	
Gujarat	721	4	558	—	1323	718	50	413	—	1181	
Haryana	—	—	1043	112	1155	—	—	1202	148	1350	
Karnataka	550	13	128	—	690	693	12	182	—	887	
Madhya Pradesh	51	17	276	52	396	44	6	144	66	260	
Maharashtra	593	864	294	129	1880	349	501	179	126	1155	
Punjab	—	—	1802	107	1909	—	—	2233	124	2357	
Rajasthan	—	—	615	303	918	—	—	555	290	845	
Tamil Nadu	268	—	141	—	409	287	—	150	—	437	
Others	2	—	18	32	52	2	—	18	30	50	
All India	2911	943	4984	1004	9842	2953	569	5212	1102	9836	