

A Canadian review team also visited recently project areas. The final recommendations of the team are yet to be received by this department.

#### Availability of Newsprint

4478. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from All India Small and Medium Newspapers Federation regarding removal of control on the availability of newsprint; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The existing Controls are considered necessary for growth of newsprint industry as well as 'small' and 'medium' newspapers in the country.

#### Production of Cheaper Fertilizers

4479. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an ex-Chairman of Fertilizer Association of India has suggested a new strategy to facilitate production of cheaper fertilizers and eradication of transportation problems and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any action is proposed to be taken on this new strategy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. In a paper presented during the annual seminar of the Fertilizer Association of India held from December 5-7, 1985, the ex-Chairman of the Fertilizer Association of India has suggested setting up of smaller fertilizer plants near the areas of demand to reduce costs of distribution and reduce the burden on the surface transport system.

(b) Due attention will continue to be given to these aspects in evaluating fresh proposals for fertilizer plants.

#### [Translation]

#### Production of Foodgrains, Pulses, Oilseeds in 1985 and Storage Facility

4480. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether agriculture production mainly of coarse grains, pulses and oilseeds remained below the target during the year 1985;

(b) if so, whether lack of additional storage facility was the main reason therefor; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to ensure that agriculture production does not fall short of the target and adequate storage facility is also made available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b). The targets and achievements in respect of rice, wheat, foodgrains and oilseeds etc. for the crop year 1984-85 (July to June) are given below:—

(Million Tonnes)

<i>Crop</i>	<i>Target</i>	<i>Achievement</i>
Rice	61.5	58.6
Wheat	45.6	44.2
Coarse grains	33.5	31.2
Pulses	13.0	12.2
Foodgrains	153.6	146.2
Oilseeds	13.0	13.1

While achievements in respect of foodgrains including coarse cereals and pulses generally fell short of the targets that of oilseeds was exceeded. The shortfall in production of foodgrains is attributed mainly to adverse weather conditions experienced in a number of States during the year 1984-85. Lack of additional storage facilities is