

[English]

Fall In Productivity in Crops

4581. DR. D. N. REDDY :

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a fall in productivity in several crops as compared to their earlier performance and if so, the reasons thereof, and what is the present output ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that even our Research and Development effort has not been successful so far; in view of our excessive dependence on imported technology and thinking such as imports of HYV and non-use of organic manure ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) A study of the long-term trends in productivity during the period 1967-68 to 1984-85 indicates positive growth rates in yields of nearly all the principal crops. The present output of these crops during 1984-85 is as below :

<i>Crop</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Production</i>
Rice	Million-tonnes	58.6
Wheat	"	44.2
Coarse grains	"	31.2
Pulses	"	12.2
Total food-grains	"	146.2
Groundnut Rapeseed & Mustard	Lakh-tonnes	67.5
Total oilseeds	"	131.0
Cotton	Lakh bales of 170 Kgs each	84.6
Jute & Mesta	Lakh bales of 180 Kgs each	79.8
Sugarcane	Million tonnes	173.6
Potato	Lakh tonnes	126.4

(b) No, Sir. The increase in foodgrains production from a level of mere 54.9 million tonnes in 1949-50 to 12.4 million tonnes in 1983-84 and 146.2 million tonnes in 1984-85

bears excellent testimony to the support provided by research and development efforts of various institutions in the country by developing improved, high yielding varieties and production technology, indigenously through systematic implementation of multi-disciplinary All-India Coordinated Research Projects.

Decoverage of Establishments Under EPF Scheme

4582. SHRI NARESH CHANDRA CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in a number of companies the Employees Provident Fund Organisation have re-opened the cases decided under section 7A and 14B of the EPF Act and reduced the dues and decovered the establishments to the detriment of employees ; and

(b) if so, the details of all such instances since April, 1983 alongwith the extent of amount reduced and number of decoverages in each case, region-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Lok Sabha in due course.

Commercial Production in Haldia Fertilizer Project

4583. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether commercial production has been started in the Haldia Fertilizer Project ;

(b) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which Government will start commercial production in this Unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI, K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Commissioning has been delayed due to design and equipment limita-