

1	2	3
Sugarcane	37.4	39.4
Potato	13.5	13.1
Total oilseeds	1.4	1.4
Jute & Mesta*	10.4	19.6

*Production in lakh bales of 180 Kgs. each

Similar estimates for the crop year 1986-87 are not yet due for all the crops.

(b) The outlays approved for the State sector programmes pertaining to Agriculture and Allied services (including cooperation and excluding Forestry) since 1985-86 are given below :-

Years	(Rs. in lakhs)	
	Approved Outlay	
1985-86	3917	
1986-87	5986	
1987-88	6977	

(c) The Union Government has been taking appropriate steps to increase agricultural production in all the States through implementation of various schemes. Various Central and Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented in Bihar to increase the production and productivity of major crops. The schemes in operation in Bihar include Special Rice Production Programme for Eastern States, National Pulses Development Programme, National Oilseeds Development Project, Intensive jute Development Programme, National Watershed Development Project, assistance to Small and Marginal Farmers, Minikit Programmes on Rice, Wheat, Coarse Cereals and Pulses etc.

Benefits of Fourth Pay Commission's Report to employees in EPF Organisation and ESI Corporation

3731. DR. C. P. THAKUR : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees working in Employees Provident Fund Organisation and Employees State Insurance Corporation have been given the benefits of the Fourth Pay Commission's Report; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) The revised scales of pay and allowances etc. as approved by the Government on the basis of the Fourth Pay Commission's recommendations have since been extended to Group 'B', 'C' and 'D' employees of the EPF Organisation and the ESI Corporation.

(b) Does not arise.

New price policy for aluminium

3732. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a new price policy for aluminium is under consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be announced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI-MATI RAMDULARI SINHA) : (a) and (b) The prices of primary aluminium are statutorily controlled and revised from