

1	2	3	4	5
15	Assam	13.80	16.74	16.80
16	Bihar	381.60	501.46	527.50
17	Orissa	114.01	140.52	151.73
18.	West Bengal	405.73	408.75	199.22
19	Manipur	3.76	4.79	5.66
20	Meghalaya	2.90	2.99	3.48
21.	Tripura	3.10	5.10	6.84
22	Nagaland	0.29	0.26	0.35
23	Mizoram	0.21	0.09	0.15
24	Arunachal Pradesh	0.13	0.22	0.33
25	Sikkim	1.20	1.19	1.35
	All India	8210.96	8737.44 (Estt.)	8738.36

Note: All India total consumption includes the consumption figures of UTs and Commodity Boards, details of which are not given in the Statement.

**Setting up of Fishing Harbour at Muthalapozhi In Kerala**

1734. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up a Fishing Harbour at Muthalapozhi in Chirayinkil, Kerala;

(b) whether Government have received any project report from Kerala Government in the regard;

(c) if so, details thereof; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

**Production of Pulses**

1735. DR. B.L.SHAILESH :  
SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been near stag-

nation in production of pulses during the last 3 decades despite an increase in the population during this period ;

(b) if so, the per capita availability of pulses in mid-fifties and at present; and

(c) the steps being taken to boost production of pulses in the country and to achieve the target for production of pulses set down for the current Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) The all India production of pulses reached a record level of 13.36 million tonnes during the crop year 1985-86 . However, the long term growth rate in production was only 0.34 per cent per annum during the period 1949-50 to 1986-87.

(b) The per capita net availability of pulses was 25.7 kgs. during 1956 and 15.3 kgs. during 1986.

(c) In order to increase the production of pulses in the country, the following strategy has been adopted:

- (i) Introduction of pulses crops in irrigated farming system such as double and multiple cropping ;
- (ii) Bringing additional area under:
  - (a) short duration varieties of urd, moong etc. in rice fallows by utilising the residual moisture in rabi season;
  - (b) in summer pulses with irrigation after mustard, sugarcane, potato and wheat; and
  - (c) in rabi under lentil; and

(d) Under short duration arhar in rotation with wheat in Northern States.

- (iii) Inter-cropping of arhar in soybean, bajra, cotton, sugarcane and groundnut both under irrigated and unirrigated conditions;
- (iv) Multiplication and use of improved pulses seeds, adoption of plant protection measures; use of phosphatic fertilisers and rhizobium culture; and
- (v) Improved post-harvest technology; public policies including pricing and marketing of pulses.

#### **Wheat Production**

1736. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheat production is expected to be hard hit by drought conditions this year;

(b) if so, the estimated wheat production during the rabi season in wheat producing States;

(c) whether Government have extended financial assistance to agricultural scientists for experimental purposes to raise wheat and other crops in drought conditions; and

(d) if so, the details regarding the financial assistance given, specially to raise wheat and other crops in drought affected areas and the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINIS-