

Subsidy for Cotton Production

4025. SHRI MUKUNDA MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been giving any subsidy to protect the cotton production;

(b) if so, how much subsidies given during the last five years for the protection of cotton production (year-wise);

(c) whether Government are considering to increase or decrease the subsidy;

(d) if so, facts thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount of subsidy provided for protection of cotton production during the five years (1976-77 to 1980-81) is as under:—

	Amount of subsidy (Rs. in lakhs)	
1976-77	72.83	} Actual amount spent.
1977-78	81.61	
1978-79	85.41	
1979-80	117.65	} Budget allocation
1980-81	152.15	

(c) and (d). The subsidies to protect cotton production are under review in the Sixth Five Year Plan proposals.

(e) Question does not arise.

Statement of Acharya Vinoba Bhave Regarding Ban on Cow Slaughter

4026. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the recent

statement of Acharya Vinoba Bhave in which he has reiterated his earlier demand for an immediate ban on cow slaughter all over the country; and

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

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) Government is not aware of any recent statement of Acharya Vinoba Bhave in which he might have reiterated his earlier demand for an immediate ban on cow slaughter all over the country.

(b) Does not arise.

Requests from State Governments to Create Food Zones

4027. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments are insisting the Central Government to create food zones; and

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

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Admission in B.A. Course for Students Securing less than 40 Marks

4028. SHRI CHANDRA PAL SHAILANI:

SHRI KRISHAN DATT:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi University has decided not to admit in 1st year (B.A. Pass) whose percentage of marks in 12th class under 10 plus 2 is below 40, as regular students in the Colleges;

(b) whether such students having less than 40 percent marks belonging