

(b) if so, the strategy proposed to be adopted for this purpose;

(c) the schemes submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh for increasing the production of cotton;

(d) the decision taken thereon; and

(e) the financial assistance proposed to be provided to Madhya Pradesh for the purpose during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The strategy is to increase the availability of seeds of improved varieties and hybrids, intensify plant protection measures and to strengthen transfer of technology for improved cultivation practices.

(c) and (d). No Scheme has been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(e) The Government of India propose to continue the Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP) during the 8th Five Year Plan with enhanced outlay, including for Madhya Pradesh.

Pension to Freedom Fighters

*524. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases of freedom fighters of Indian national Army for grant of pension are still pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a personal hearing is given to those whose cases are rejected; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b). All the applications received by the prescribed date i.e. 31-3-1982, have been considered and

disposed of. Applications, however, continue to be received after this date. These applications are treated as delayed applications and are considered only if proper reasons for delay are given and the applications are accompanied by documentary evidence from official records regarding the person having undergone the minimum suffering as per the scheme.

(c) Yes, Sir, if a person so represents.

(d) Does not arise.

Narp Programme

*525. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH:
DR. RAVI MALLU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Agriculture Research Project (NARP) programme has been launched with the World Bank loan to strengthen the zonal research capabilities of State Agricultural Universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an independent evaluation of NARP has been conducted so far;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the interest likely to be paid on above loan?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The project aims at strengthening permanently the capabilities of the State Agricultural Universities for conducting location specific production-oriented and need-based research in 120 agro-climatic zones of the country.

(c) As provided in the agreement with the World Bank, a mid-term review was conducted by a Joint Review Team comprising representatives from the

Government of India, the World Bank, and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

(d) The Mid Term Review Tem in its report submitted in April, 1989, suggested steps necessary for full utilization of the credit.

(e) The credit is soft loan carrying no interest.

[Translation]

EEC Assistance to Agricultural Project in Gujarat

*526. SHRI KASHI RAM RANA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) the agricultural projects in Gujarat funded by EEC during the last three years;

(b) the targets fixed and achievement made under these projects during the above period; and

(c) the financial assistance provided by EEC for these projects during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIBALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The Integrated Watershed Management project of Gujarat has been extended assistance by the European Economic Community (EEC) during the last three years in the agriculture sector.

(b) Against a target of 30,872 ha. of land for treatment through various conservation activities 18,039 ha. of land has been treated under the project during the last three years (1988-89 to 1990-91).

(c) Rs. 302.65 lakhs EEC assistance has been extended to the project during the last three years.

[English]

Milk Production

*527 DR. LAXINARAYAN PANDEYA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA):

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of milk during 1990-91 and 1991-92 State-wise;

(b) whether there has been decrease in the production of milk during the last two years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the milk production?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIBALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (d). A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) Statement showing the statewide milk production during 1990-91 and 1991-92.

State/U. T.	Production of milk (000 tonnes)	
	1990-91 (Provisional)	1991-92 (anticipated achievement)
1. Andhra Pradesh	3010	3650
2. Arunachal Pradesh	41	41
3. Assam	653	704