

country home page service through World web site and offer information on India to potential tourists in the Internet edition of news; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA)

(a) and (b). The Department of Tourism already has a home page in the worldwide web of Internet giving information about tourist attractions in India. The home page has information about various aspects of India including physical features, people and polity, climate, flora and fauna. Music and dance, cuisine, shopping facilities, travel requirements/visa information, list of tourist offices worldwide, etc.

[Translation]

Production of Foodgrains

951. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been constant increase in the production of foodgrains during the past few years in the country;

(b) if so, the quantity of foodgrains produced in the country during 1990-91 and 1995-96, separately;

(c) whether there has been a decline in per-capita availability of foodgrains in the country despite increase in production;

(d) if so, the per capita availability of foodgrains in the country during 1990-91 and 1994-95, separately;

(e) whether foodgrains have been imported due to its lesser availability; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVEANDRA PRASAD YADAV)

(a) and (b) Production of foodgrains (including pulses) during the period from 1990-91 to 1995-96 crop years is as under :

(in million tonnes)

Crop Year	Production of foodgrains
1990-91	176.39
1991-92	168.38
1992-93	179.48
1993-94	184.26
1994-95	191.10
1995-96	190.36 (likely)

(c) and (d). Per Capita Net availability of foodgrains from the year 1990 to 1995 is as under :-

(Kg./per year)	
Year	Availability of foodgrains
1990	172.5
1991	186.2
1992	171.1
1993	169.4
1994	172.0
1995	184.6

(e) and (f). Due to fall in coarse grain production in 1991-92 and consequent pressure on wheat, about 25.89 lakh tonnes of wheat was imported in 1992-93 and about 4.76 lakh tonnes of wheat was imported in 1993-94. A quantity of 86,000 tonnes and 56,000 tonnes of rice was imported during 1992-93 and 1993-94 respectively. There has been no import of foodgrains except pulses after the year 1993-94.

Encroachment of P & T land in U.P.

952. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the land belonging to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs has been encroached upon by the outsiders in Azamgarh, Jaunpur and Mau districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of places thereof;

(c) the purpose for which this land was acquired by the Government; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to get the land vacated?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) Not applicable

(d) Not applicable

[English]

Financial Assistance to SCFDC

953. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the budgetary provision for providing financial assistance to Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporations during each of the last three years.