

- (i) Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely, National Oilseeds Development Project (NODP) and Oilseed production Thrust Projects (OPTP) which were in operation till 1989-90 have been merged during 1990-91 into a single scheme, namely, Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP). This Scheme provides essential assistance to the States for production and distribution of quality seeds, plant protection measures including supply of plant protection chemicals and equipments and organising demonstration of advanced technology, with particular reference to mustard, groundnut, soyabean and sunflower.
- (ii) A Technology Mission on Oilseeds was established in May, 1986 for harnessing the best of production, processing and management technology;
- (iii) Intensification of research efforts for increasing production of oilseeds.
- (iv) Increasing the areas under non-traditional oilseeds crops like soyabean and sunflower, exploitation of oilseeds of tree and forest origin ricebran etc.
- (v) Setting up of necessary processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with the production programme of oilseeds.
- (vi) Assistance for oil palm development.
- (vii) Better incentive to producers through fixation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) of major oilseeds.
- (viii) Identification of equipments of modernisation of processing units custom duty concessions on imports of certain equipments.

**Central Assistance for Chandigarh**

2101. SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance was given to the Union Territory of Chandigarh by the Government to meet the deficit of its annual budget during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The entire Plan and Non-plan expenditures of the Union Territories (without legislatures) are met out of the Consolidated Fund of India. Hence, there is no requirement for providing further assistance to the Union Territories (without legislatures), including Chandigarh, to meet their Annual Budget deficit.

The actual expenditures for the years 1996-97, 1997-98 and Budget provisions for the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 in respect of the Union Territory of Chandigarh are given in the Statement attached.

**Statement**

(Rs. in Crores)

	Actuals 1996-97	Actuals 1997-98	Budget Estimates 1998-99	Revised Estimates 1998-99	Budget Estimates 1999-2000
Non-Plan	367.02	484.86	485.74	583.56	589.00
Plan	100.20	121.17	130.58	137.76	143.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>467.22</b>	<b>606.03</b>	<b>616.32</b>	<b>721.32</b>	<b>732.64</b>