

## LOK SABHA

*Monday, April 23, 1984 Vaisakhe 3,  
1906 (Saka)*

*The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

### WELCOME TO THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

MR. SPEAKER : Hon'ble Members,-  
At the outset, I have to make an announcement.

On my own and on behalf of the Hon'ble Members of the House, I have great pleasure in welcoming Hon. Mr. Louis Desmarais, M.P., Chairman of the Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Mrs. Desmarais and the Hon'ble Members of the Canadian Parliamentary Delegation who are on a visit to India as our honoured guests. The other Hon'ble Members of the delegation are :—

1. Hon. James Fleming, M.P.
2. Hon. John Crosbie, M.P.
3. Hon. Jake Epp, M.P.
4. Senator Paul Lucier,
5. Senator William Doody
6. Mr. Keith Penner, M.P.
7. Mr. Bill Blaikie, M.P.

The delegation arrived here early this morning and will be in India for about a week. They are now seated in the Special Box. We wish them a very happy and fruitful stay in our country. Through them we convey our greetings and best wishes to the Parliament, Government and the friendly people of Canada.

## ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 2

### Foreign assistance to Increase Agricultural Production

\*761 SHRI MOHAN LAL PATEL :  
SHRI NAVIN RAVANI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any foreign technical assistance has been sought to increase agricultural production, particularly of oilseeds in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what other measures are being taken to increase the production of foodgrains, oilseeds and other agricultural products to meet the demand of the country during the next five years; and

(d) whether any foreign assistance is being sought in this respect; if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI  
YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (d)

A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(a) and (b) Foreign technical assistance is obtained for individual projects prepared after mutual consultations. The assistance is generally in the form of experts/consultants, training, study tours, equipment and inputs.

In the field of oilseeds, assistance has been obtained from U.S.A. and Canada in the shape of commodities for the Oilseeds Development Project being implemented by the National Dairy Development Board;

(c) Measures to increase the agricultural production include the adoption of improved crop production technology by way of use of quality seed of high yielding varieties, application of fertilisers, provision of irrigation facilities, timely supply of credit and critical input, better farm management and marketing support, agriculture extension and research support.