

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b). Sugarcane production in Maharashtra during 1982-83 was 313.6 lakh tonnes as against 287.8 lakh tonnes in 1981-82. During 1983-84, the production was 265.5 lakh tonnes.

(c) Climatic conditions have been primarily responsible for shortfall in production during 1983-84. Sugarcane development programmes are undertaken by the State Government. In addition to other steps, the Maharashtra Government have been advising the cooperative sugar factories to develop cane in their respective areas. Similarly, efforts are being made for the development of cane in other factory areas.

Intensive sugarcane development measures advocated include :

- (a) production and distribution of quality seed.
- (b) demonstration of improved practices of cane cultivation both for plant and ratoon cane.
- (c) plant protection measures.
- (d) training of cane development workers.
- (e) construction of link roads.

[*Translation*]

Increase in the Income of Persons Living below Poverty Line

*177. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of increase in the income of persons living below poverty line during the Sixth Five Year Plan as a result of Integrated Rural Development Programme being operated in the country;

(b) whether the increase is in consonance with the targets laid; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the deficiency ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) to (c). Under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), against a target of assisting 15 million households below the poverty line in the VIth Plan, up to January 1985, 15.4 million families had already been assisted.

The impact of the programme in terms of increase in the income would be available when the evaluation report on IRDP, under preparation by the Programme Evaluation Organisation of the Planning Commission will be out.

[*English*]

Production and Import of Chemical Fertilizers

*178. SHRI N.V. RATNAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the chemical fertilize produced in the country and imported from other countries during each of the last three years; and

(b) the method of distribution of such chemical fertilizers ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) A statement is attached.

(b) The fertilizers are made available to the farmers, through the Institutional and Cooperative agencies of the States and through the private dealers net work of manufacturers and distributors, against the allocations made by the Central Government to each State/Union Territory/Commodity Boards

Statement

Indigenous Production and Import of Chemical Fertilizers

(In Lakh Tonnes Of Nutrients)

Year	Indigenous Production			Import		
	Nitrogen	Phosphorous	Potash	Nitrogen	Phosphorous	Potash
1981-82	31.44	9.49	—	10.54	3.43	6.44
1982-83	34.24	9.80	—	4.25	0.63	6.44
1983-84	34.85	10.48	—	6.56	1.43	5.56

Implementation of Land Consolidation Programme in Orissa

*179. SHRI SOMNATH RATH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the problem of fragmentation of agricultural holding is very acute in Orissa;

(b) if so, the assistance extended by the Centre to help the State Government to implement the Consolidation Programmes in that State during each of the last three years; and

(c) the details of the steps proposed to be taken for the successful working of land consolidation scheme in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) to (c). No separate assistance for the consolidation of holding scheme has been provided during the last three years under the plan. The consolidation of holding scheme, being a plan scheme of the State, has been financed out of overall plan assistance given to the State.

2. The actual expenditure on the consolidation of holding scheme under the State Plan has been as follows :—

Year	Expenditure (in lakh Rs.)
1981-82	519.61
1982-83	500.00
1983-84	477.37

The provision during 1984-85 is Rs. 490 lakhs.

3. Besides the regular programme of consolidation, consolidation of 2,03,642 hectares has also been done till August, 1983 under the Orissa Irrigation Project, Phase-I (International Development Association assisted). This area was in the major commands of Mahanadi Delta Stage-I, Stage-II, Heerakud and Salandi. The details of expenditure on consolidation are not available. However, the entire credit of US \$ 58.00 million was fully drawn by October, 1983 for the irrigation project. As a follow-up to the phase-I of the project, agreement for credit assistance of US \$ 105.00 millions was signed on 16.9.1983. It is expected that the entire credit would be drawn by 31.12.1987. As on 31.12.1984, credit of US \$ 18.896 millions has been utilized. This Phase-II provides for consolidation of about 1,60,000 hectares of irrigated land located in the Heerakud, Salandi and Mohanadi Delta system. The programme was taken up from October, 1983 to be completed within our years, i.e., upto 1986-87 at the rate of 40,000 hectares per year.

4. In case of externally aided project being implemented by the State, Government of India (Department of Expenditure) provides additional central assistance to the States on the basis of 70% of the aid disbursed. However, the additional central assistance is released for the project as a whole, of which consolidation scheme is only one component. Separate figures for consolidation scheme would, therefore, not be available.

5. Since it is essentially a State Plan Scheme, details would only be available with the State Government.