

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c). The National Sericulture Project being implemented with assistance from the World Bank/Swiss Development Cooperation is meant only for Development Cooperation is meant only for development of mulberry sericulture in the country. The Project envisages an additional production of 6,000 tonnes of mulberry silk at the end of the project period.

Blending of Oils used in Vanaspati

2179. SHRIMATI SUBHASHINI ALI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted blending of vegetable oils used in the manufacture of vanaspati; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b). Vanaspati is a blend of various permitted hydrogenated oils. The following edible oils are permitted in the manufacture of vanaspati:—

Imported Oil

- (i) Soyabean
- (ii) Rapeseed oil
- (iii) Palm oil

Indigenous oil

- (i) Cottonseed oil
- (ii) Solvent Extracted groundnut oil
- (iii) Mahua oil

- (iv) Nigerseed oil
- (v) Palm oil
- (vi) Maize (Corn) oil
- (vii) Ricebran oil
- (viii) Soyabean oil
- (ix) Sunflower oil
- (x) Watermelonseed oil
- (xi) Palmolein
- (xii) Salseed oil not exceeding 10 per cent.
- (xiii) Solvent Extracted Rapeseed/ Mustard oil
- (xiv) Sunflower (Kardi seed) oil
- (xv) Solvent Extracted Sesame oil.

Silicosis Among Pencil Industry Workers

2180. SHRI ANAND SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of workers in pencil industry are suffering from silicosis;

(b) if so, the number of workers suspected to be suffering from this disease; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken so far to protect the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Institute of Occupation