

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALARAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b). Relief measures including employment generation schemes are undertaken by the concerned State Governments for the people who lose their means of livelihood due to drought or floods. These measures are financed out of the calamity Relief Fund, constituted on the recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission with an annual allocation of Rs. 804 crores for all the States in addition to generation of employment under various on-going plan programmes.

[English]

National Edible Oil Grid

*438. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plan of establishing a national edible oil grid to root out black-marketing and any possible shortage of the vital commodity has been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be established; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to check price rise before the actual establishment of the grid?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b). National Dairy Development Board has a plan to set up a National Oil Grid with an objective to link the major oilseeds producing areas with the demand centres which would help in reducing wide fluctuations in the prices of oils over seasons and regions. The plan envisages:-

(i) creation of oil storage capacity at strategic locations.

(ii) establishing packaging stations across the country to pack edible oil.

(iii) developing an economical transport system to move oilseeds and oil from surplus to deficit zones.

(c) As part of this plan, NDDB has created storage capacity of about 2.7 lakh tonnes and packaging capacity of about 1.8 lakh tonnes per annum. NDDB has also introduced an economical transport system by road and coastal shipping. The work for creating an additional storage capacity of about 0.38 lakh tonnes of oil and the packaging capacity of about 0.23 lakh tonnes per annum is in progress and is expected to be completed by March, 1993. Since this is a continuous project, the grid related infrastructure would continue to develop over the years.

(d) The steps taken to check the prices of edible oils are:-

(i) Stock limits of oilseeds and edible oils are periodically reviewed to deter hoarding.

(ii) State Governments have been requested to keep strict surveillance on edible oil prices and to undertake dehorning operations.

(iii) To moderate edible oil prices, NDDB has stepped up its marketing of "Dhara" oil in retail packs.

(iv) To stretch availability of preferred oils, blending of any two edible oils has been permitted. NDDB has commenced marketing

blended oil under the "Lok Dhara" brand.

Drug Trafficking in Tihar Jail

*439. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether trafficking of drugs in Tihar Jail for the prisoners is assuming alarming proportions;

(b) if so, the number of prisoners in Tihar Jail identified as drug addicts;

(c) the steps taken to identify and eliminate the supply line for trafficking of narcotics in the jail;

(d) whether any assistance is obtained from non-Government organisations for de-addiction of these prisoners; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Delhi Administration has informed that of the 7540 prisoners in jail as on 31.7.1992, about 540 prisoners had taken drugs at one time or the other.

(c) to (e). A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT

Among the steps taken to prevent passage of narcotics and drugs in the jails are:-

(i) Intensification of frisking of prisoners and visitors;

(ii) Increase in the frequency of surprise searches of prisoners and wards;

(iii) Strict action against prisoners/staff whenever narcotic/smack is recovered; and

(iv) Institution of rewards to those giving run information leading to detection of drugs.

A small de-addiction centre is being run in Central Jail No. 4 since 1989 where facilities of 15 beds are provided. The Centre is being run by the Indian Council of Education, a voluntary organisation with the help of the Ministry of welfare and Delhi Administration. The Centre has helped 233 prisoners during the period 1991-92, and has so far provided treatment to 1237 prisoners.

Oil and Natural Gas in U. P.

*440. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Uttar Pradesh where digging of wells is in full swing;

(b) the number of rigs working in the area;

(c) whether the Government propose to start digging of wells in fresh areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the discoveries of oil and natural gas made so far in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Shahjahanpur.

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(c) and (d). Oil India is carrying out seismic surveys in the Sarda depression