

oil and cannot be utilised is flared and is therefore unutilised. Projects are under implementation to enable full utilisation of all gas produced by 1996-97.

[Translation]

Support Price for Agricultural Commodities

155. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:
SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether procurement prices of rabi crops recommended by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) are likely to be revised in the light of the hike in input costs;

(b) if so, whether any proposal in this regard has been prepared by the Ministry;

(c) whether the Union Government have taken any final decision in this regard;

(d) if so, by what time it is likely to be implemented; and

(e) the support prices of these crops for 1992-93 season, crop-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (e). The Price Policy for Rabi Crops of 1992-93 to be marketed in 1993-94 Season is at present under consideration of the Government.

[English]

Use of DDT

*156. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite an embargo on the use of DDT in agriculture, almost seventy per cent of the DDT produced in the country finds its way into the open market for use in farms and for storage of harvested produce;

(b) if so, whether the country is losing prestigious export markets for farm products as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures the Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b). No such reports have been received.

(c) Question does not arise.

[Translation]

Conference of the Welfare Ministers

*157. SHRI LALBABU RAI:
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of the Welfare Ministers of States and Union Territories was held in New Delhi on March 21, 1992;

(b) if so, the details of the issues discussed and decisions arrived at the Conference; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the decisions?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Details showing the issues discussed