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SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, what is the population of 8 hill districts of Uttar Pradesh. The hon. Minister has stated that the proposal has been sent back to the State Government. When their re-commendation had come and by what time does the Government expect to receive back the same from the State Government. Would the Government please consider to provide more funds so as to accelerate the pace of the development of the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh? (*Interruptions*)

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the U. P. Government has sent its proposal to the Centre and the same has been returned to the U. P. Government. Would the Government please State by when it is expecting the reply from the Government of Uttar Pradesh?

[*English*]

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Two reminders were sent from here for the first question of collecting information from UP Government; one was dated 23.1.1992 and the other dated 24.2.1992. Also we had telephonic discussions with the UP Government. I am told this morning a message has been received in the office and we have to analyse it.

In the second part he asked about the population of that area and other details of the area. The area is 51,125 sq. kms. and the density of population is 115 persons per sq. km. against the total area of 2,94,411 sq. kms. of the State with a density of population of 471 persons per sq. km. of the State.

SHRI MANABENDRA SHAH: We have just been informed that the reply has come from the State Government. Will the hon.

Minister be pleased to let us know what is the reply received by him?

MR. SPEAKER: He has said that he will analyse it and let you know.

SHRI M. M. JACOB: I have already mentioned.

[*Translation*]

Rose Farming

*128. **DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to promote rose farming by providing incentives to farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the places in Uttar Pradesh where rose farming is being carried out; and

(d) the progress made in the research scheme implemented at Narendra Dev University of Agriculture and Technology, Faizabad for the improvement of yield and quality rose oil?

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMCHANDRAM):(a) and (b). Government have proposed to promote rose farming under two schemes viz:-

(i) Integrated Development of Floriculture;

(ii) Development of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants.

(c) The major centres of rose cultivation in Uttar Pradesh are as follows:-

(1) Kannauj (Farrukhabad).

(2) Hathras (Aligarh)

(3) Nithauli Kala (Etah)

(4) Itaura (Agra)

(5) Sikanderpur (Ballia)

(6) Meruwa Deeh (Varanasi)

(d) A survey has been conducted and the cultivars/species being grown for rose oil have been collected from various parts of the State and other areas. The evaluation of these species is being done. Nutritional and pruning requirement of promising cultivars are being standardised.

[Translation]

DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the indigenous variety of rose i. e. *Rosa sentifolia* is being grown by traditional method thousands of bighas of land in Aligarh, Hathras, Hasawan and Barwana areas for centuries. Traders from various parts of the country visit these places and purchase the raw material and take the same with them. The farmers do not get even the cost of production for their produce. Does the Government have any scheme under which the farmers could produce raw material also along with cultivation and get a good price. Is the Government considering to formulate any such scheme for this?

At the same time, I would also like to know the quantity of oil produced from rose exported in 1991-92 and what is the scheme for future export?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Department of Small Scale Industries has commissioned a Process-cum-Product Development Centre of Essential Oil at Kannauj in Farrukhabad district with UNDP assistance in 1990 at a cost of Rs. 3 crore. It is for 3 years. It will help the farmers

to process their produce and get maximum price.

DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will purchases be made directly from the farmers?

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: It will be purchases from farmers. Then oil will be produced.

SHRI LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the practice of having middlemen be done away with?

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: That will be done in a different manner. When the farmers will be able to establish proper contact, the practice of having middlemen would be done away with.

Nearly 20 thousand tonnes of flower are grown out of which 750 kilogram of oil is produced. This is the ratio. I would let you know how exports are made. I will send this record to you.

MR. SPEAKER: The details of export are available with the Ministry of Agriculture which would send it.

DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, during the last session, I was told about the Research Scheme Commissioned in University of Agriculture and Technology, Faizabad for the purpose of improving the quality of oil being produced. I would like to know the justification of commissioning such a Research Scheme in Faizabad only when production is made more on other districts besides Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh. The distance from Faizabad to Aligarh and Hathras is very long. Rose in such a crop which cannot be preserved for a long time. It perishes quickly. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether there is any scheme to start such a Research Centre in Aligarh.

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the question of distance or proximity

does not arise at all. Scientists will do the job anywhere, why to talk of Faizabad alone. If it proves successful there, it will be done at other places also. There is no point in it.

[English]

Talks with the Ukrainian President

*129. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister held any talks with the President of Ukraine during his recent visit to Davos, Switzerland;

(b) if so, the bilateral matters that figured in the talks and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any treaty is going to be signed between the two countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Several ideas for strengthening bilateral cooperation between India and Ukraine, including the visit of the President of Ukraine to India were discussed.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. A Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation is expected to be signed between India and Ukraine. The draft Treaty is under negotiation between the two sides and it would, therefore, not be appropriate to publicise the details at this stage.

PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Sir, the erstwhile USSR was one of our time-tested friends. USSR has always been helping us. At this point of time when the USSR has disintegrated into different Republics and stays away we should prove that we will be very friendly to the Republics. Ukraine is one of the Republics which is scientifically and technologically advanced. We have been

getting defence equipments mainly from Ukraine. Therefore, may I know whether we will continue with all the agreements we had with the erstwhile USSR, so that we will have a very good friendship with this Republic?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Sir, our Prime Minister met the President Kravchuk in Davos on February 2nd. At this point of time, I want to emphasise that both the leaders and particularly President Kravchuk took a very positive approach in the Indo-Ukraine relations. He went out of his way to assert that the old relationship would continue. In fact, to the extent possible, it would be extended. He was keen to visit India and we are awaiting the induction of visit by him in the near future.

[Translation]

Cattle Development Projects

*130. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank have accorded clearance to Cattle Development Projects in Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places identified in these States for implementing the projects?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[Translation]

SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has replied that no scheme in India