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20. Shri Amarendra Saran
21. Smt. Sara Mohammad
22. Smt. Kamla Mankekar
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[*English*]

#### **Applications for Sugar Factory**

3714. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received from Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra for opening of new sugar factories; and

(b) the action Government propose to take in this regard and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) As on 31-7-1991, 12 applications for grant of Industrial Licences for setting up of new sugar factories in District Ahmednagar of Maharashtra are pending consideration of the Government. The Licensing Policy of Sugar Industry is presently being reviewed by the Government and decisions on the pending applications, including the applications of Ahmednagar District, would be taken after the aforesaid review.

#### **Storage Capacity in the Tribal Areas**

3715. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the storage capacity provided in the tribal areas is very inadequate particularly for coarse cereals and oil seeds;

(b) whether the storage capacity available for fruits and vegetables in

the tribal areas is also very inadequate; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to augment the storage capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) While storage capacity, including cold storage capacity, has been created in certain tribal areas of the country, it is felt that there is still scope for further augmentation of such capacity. Several agencies are engaged in the construction of storage godowns. Thus, Food Corporation of India has built a storage capacity of 2.12 lakh tonnes in the tribal areas during the Seventh Five Year Plan and thereafter. Further, the Corporation is in the process of constructing an additional capacity of about 37,000 tonnes. Similarly, Central Warehousing Corporation has also set up a capacity of 3.28 lakh tonnes in the tribal areas. Besides, they have plans to create a further capacity of about 80,000 tonnes by 1994-95. Other organisations such as National Co-operative Development Corporation, National Horticulture Board, Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED), Ministry of Rural Development etc. are also engaged in promoting the construction of storage godowns and cold storages in the tribal areas.

[*Translation*]

#### **Licences to Foreign Companies for Electronic Units**

3716. SHRI RAM SARAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some foreign companies have applied for licences to set up electronic units of their own or in collaboration with Indian companies during 1989-90;

(b) if so, the details of these foreign companies;