

(a) whether Government propose to review their policy with regard to fisheries in order to ensure that the poor and malnourished get the benefit of this industry and more money flows into the country as a result of its export ; and

(b) whether Government propose to concentrate on the transport, storage and management of the fish trade to improve their share of produce in the world market ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b) The Government has been following a continuing policy towards ensuring the benefits of fisheries development to the poor and malnourished and for enhancing the production to support the export trade. Development of post-harvest infrastructure and management of fish trade to improve the share of produce in the world market is essential. This is duly reflected in the draft VII Five Year Plan proposals for fisheries development in the country.

(d) :-

Financial Year	Qty. (MT/Lakhs)
1982-83	4.25
1983-84	8.14
1984-85 (Prov.)	1.56

1981-82 (Prov.)	2.15
1984-85	4.96

Exports

Financial Year	Qty. (MT/Lakhs)		Value Rs./Crores	
	Molasses	Alcohol	Molasses	Alcohol
1982-83	0.72	—	2.19	—
1983-84	5.04	0.07	26.79	1.90
1984-85 (Prov.)	2.49	—	12.36	—

Imports

Setting Up of Sugar Factories

328 SHRI G.V. RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of sugar factories started since 1980 in the country ;

(b) the number of sugar factories started in cooperative sector since 1980 ;

(c) the number of sugar factories started by private managements since 1980 ;

(d) whether sugar has been imported/exported during last three years, and if so, quantum and value thereof ; and

(e) whether molasses and alcohol, two bye-products, have also been exported/imported during last 3 years, if so, value thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c) Since Sugar Year 1980-81 (October-September), 48 new sugar factories have gone into production, out of which, 43 are in Cooperative Sector, one is in Private Sector and remaining factories are in Public Sector.

Sugar Exports

Value Rs./Crores

84.76

210.92

36.50

Sugar Imports (CIF)

101.50

113.50

NIL