

(b) The said Enquiry Office is exclusively for the maintenance of requisitioned houses of the Ministry of Defence. That Ministry made a commitment to take over the maintenance of these quarters from CPWD by June 1984. Despite best efforts no final decision has been taken yet. It has, therefore, not been considered appropriate to transfer the Civil Enquiry Office from New Delhi Zone to Food Zone till a final decision is taken to transfer the maintenance of these houses back to the Ministry of Defence.

Orange Production in West Bengal And Export Thereof

927. SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether West Bengal is producing oranges;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether Government are exporting orange from West Bengal;

(d) if so, where and total quantity exported during each of the last three years; and

(e) the State and Central Government's earnings from such export ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Jalpaiguri and Siliguri districts of West Bengal are the important orange growing districts. Rough estimates for Citrus crop in West Bengal are given below :

(Area : thousand ha.)
(Production: thousand tonnes)

	1980-81	1981-82
Area	3.42	3.70
Production	26.25	28.25

(c) to (e). State-wise data on export of oranges are not available. However, export of oranges, fresh or dried, from India during the years 1980-81 to 1982-83 (upto November, 1982) is given below .

Export of Oranges, fresh or dried

Year	(Quantity: In tonnes) (Value : Rupees in lakhs)	
	Quantity	Value
1980-81	7090	127.50
1981-82	7124	135.51
1982-83	1015	17.09
(Upto Nov. 82)		

Oranges were mainly exported to Bangladesh.

Use of Imported Oil for manufacture of Vanaspati

928. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Vanaspati manufacturer have been directed to use compulsorily the high priced imported oils; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b). Presently Vanaspati manufacturers can use 100% indigenous oils or a maximum of 60% imported oils in lieu thereof. Imported oils are supplied through State Trading Corporation at a significantly low price of Rs. 9,500 per M.T.

Purchase of Wheat from Open Market

929. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether North Zone Flour Mills Chambers have urged the Government to allow the flour mills to purchase wheat from the open market; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has not been possible to consider the request, as the present policy does not permit roller flour mills to purchase wheat in the open market.