

Destruction of foodgrains due to increase in population of rodents

7722. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM :

SHRIMATI D. K. BHANDARI :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that rodent population continues to increase causing heavy losses in the fields, homes and storage of foodgrains and other edible crops and packaging; and

(b) the estimated rodent population at the end of 1984, 1985 and 1986 and the estimated loss caused by them and corrective steps proposed during the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) & (b). No systematic/comprehensive studies have been carried out to estimate the number of rats and the loss caused by them.

In order to keep a check on the number of rats and to minimise the losses caused by them to stored foodgrains, the Indian Grain Storage Institute of the Ministry has been testing different rodenticides and bait preferences for their efficacy. The Institute has also developed certain rodenticide mixtures. Besides, the 17 Central Save Grain teams of the Ministry organise demonstrations and training in selected villages in different States so as to propagate rat control measures like trapping, destruction of rat harbourages and use of rodenticides and fumigants. The Food Corporation of India and Central Warehousing Corporation also use rat control measures, wherever necessary. These measures would be continued during the Seventh Plan period.

Supply of boiled rice instead of Soiled rice under Integrated Tribal Development Programme in Kerala

7723. PROF. K.V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a complaint that the rice supplied for the Integrated Tribal Development Programme in Kerala is "Iron rice" and soiled rice; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to supply boiled rice in Kerala ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of sea food

7724. KUMARI D.K. THARA DEVI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of sea food exported during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the steps being taken to increase exports of sea food ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) The quantity of Sea food exported during the last three years was :

1983-84	—	92691	Tonnes
1984-85	—	86187	Tonnes
1985-86	—	65409	Tonnes

(April '85 to January '86)

Source : Marine Products Export Development Authority)

(b) Steps taken to increase exports of sea food include production of cultured shrimps, modernisation of shrimps processing plants, encouragement of production of value-added items like IOF, improvement in quality of products and measures for exploitation of deep sea fishery resources.

Monitoring and evaluation of foreign aided schemes

7725. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that for foreign aided and World Bank aided schemes involving foreign exchange, certain amount of monitoring and evaluation for mid-course corrections operated by public sector units, is done by representations of his Ministry including Comptroller and Auditor General; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) The officials of the Finance Ministry monitor the expenditure on foreign aided and World Bank aided projects.

(b) The primary responsibility for monitoring and evaluating externally aided projects, with a view to undertaking mid-course corrections, rests with the administrative Ministries/State Governments. The Ministry of Finance is also associated in the meetings held to review the progress of the projects. The Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General undertakes the audit function.

Ajam Jahi Mills at Warrangal incurring Losses

7726. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ajam Jahi Mills of Notional Textile Corporation at Warrangal is incurring losses; and

(b) if so, the measures proposed to be taken by Government to save the mill from being closed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) Yes Sir. The accumulated losses of Azam Jahi Mills from 1974-75 to January, 1986 amounted to about Rs. 17.47 crores.

(b) The Textile Policy envisages that selective modernisation would be undertaken where units can become viable. However, the continued operation of units, which are incapable of becoming viable, would mean a continued drain on scarce resources and such units or parts thereof may have to be closed down to prevent any further losses. However, no final decision has been taken regarding the closure of any mills so far.

Ceiling on total Spindlage Capacity

7727. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN :

PROF. P.J. KURIEN :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission has fixed a ceiling on the total spindlage capacity in the country for the Seventh Five Year Plan ;

(b) if so, the total capacity which exists at present ;

(c) the basis on which the ceiling has been fixed ;

(d) whether Planning Commission assumes that the entire capacity will be utilised ; and

(e) if not, the reason for fixing the ceiling ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN) : (a) It has been estimated that a total of 24 36 million cotton spindles and 1 04 million woollen spindles including the existing ones would be required up to the end of the 7th plan period (1985-90).

(b) Number of installed spindles in the cotton textile mills including ~~an~~