

SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production and Import of Sugar

1153. **SHRI D.N. REDDY :**

SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL :

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

(a) whether there has been any increase in the sugar production in the country during the year 1985-86 as compared to 1984-85;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the estimated production and consumption of sugar in 1986-87;

(d) whether it is proposed to import sugar in 1986-87 and if so, the quantity expected to be imported and the quantity imported upto September, 1986; and

(e) whether import of sugar is likely to be stopped in the near future in view of increase in domestic production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The sugar production during the year 1985-86 (October-September) aggregated to 70.03 lakh tonnes (provisional) as against 61.44 lakh tonnes during the year 1984-85.

(c) The production and consumption of sugar in 1986-87 season (October-September) is estimated at about 75 lakh tonnes and 85 lakh tonnes respectively.

(d) and (e). A quantity of 5.05 lakh tonnes (Provisional) of sugar has been imported upto 30th September, 1986 during the financial year 1986-87. In view of the encouraging trend in sugar production, the proposal for further import of sugar, if any, may be considered at the appropriate time after taking into account the production/consumption trends during 1986-87 season.

Import of Edible Oil

1154. **PROF. K.V. THOMAS :**

SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL :

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

(a) the quantity of edible oil imported during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the action taken to reduce the import of edible oil and saving in foreign [exchange expected thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The Import of edible oil during the last three financial years is as under :

Financial Year	Quantity imported (in lakh tonnes)	Value (Rs. in crores)
1983-84	14.09	846
1984-85	15.85	1309
1985-86	10.80	766 (Provisional)

(b) With a view to inducing farmers to increase the production of oilseeds, Government has kept import of edible oils, meant to bridge the gap between demand and supply of indigenous edible oils, at the minimum possible level. Various other measures have been taken to augment production of edible oils/oilseeds. Considerable savings in foreign exchange have been affected in 1985-86.

Demand of Superior Grade Coal

1155. **SHRI SOMNATH RATH :** Will the Minister of **ENERGY** be pleased to state :

(a) whether on account of massive industrialisation programme in the State of Orissa, there is a great demand of superior grade coal and whether the availability of this grade coal has gone down from 6,37,000 tonnes in 1976 to 3,79,000 tonnes in 1985;