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(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Irregularities in Barauni Unit of Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Ltd.

4007. SHRI SIMON TIGGA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether irregularities in the purchase of substandard raw materials and equipment, theft of naphtha, sale of fertilizers in black market, undue payment of overtime allowance etc. in the Rs. 92 crore Barauni Unit of the Hindustan Fertilizers Corporation Limited have come to the notice of Government :

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government in the matter ; and

(c) the action being taken to check environment pollution by this Unit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) & (b) No such allegations have been substantiated except the one mentioned below. It is reported that some of the employees misappropriated naphtha for filling in their motor cycles. Necessary disciplinary action has been taken against the erring employees. The management of Barauni Unit also tightened their security arrangements to avoid any chances of theft of naphtha. There were a

few enquiries relating to purchase of used lime bags, shortage in jute bags and sale of empty drums. Appropriate action, as a result of CBI investigations, have been taken in respect of the culprits conneted with the sale of used lime bags and shortage of jute bages. As regards the case of alleged irregularities in the sale of empty drums, etc., the matter has been referred to the Central Vigilance Commission.

(c) With the approval of State Pollution Control Board, Barauni Unit has installed pollution treatment and control facilities. All efforts are made to ensure that the effluent discharged outside the factory limits is within the prescribed standards and is completely safe.

[*English*]

Agriculture Productivity

4008. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what has been the per acre agricultural productivity during the last three years :

(b) whether it is necessary that we develop seeds which needless moisure and better pest resistants ; and

(c) whether a scientist's meet was held in Delhi recently and discussed the role of bio-technology in agriculture and if so, their findings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The per hectare yield of principal crops in the country during the parst three years is as under :

Sl. No.	Crop	1982-83	1983-84	[yield in kg. hec]
				1984-85
1.	Rice	1231	1457	1425
2.	Wheat	1816	1843	1873
3.	Coarse-cereals	686	813	796
4.	Pulses	519	548	536
5.	Foodgrains	1035	1162	1154
6.	Sugarcane	56441	55978	58013
7.	Cotton	163	141	193
8.	Jute and Mesta	1265	1320	1241
9.	Oilseeds	563	679	660