

setting up of food processing industries in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to implement the same;

(d) whether Punjab Government has also submitted some proposals therefor;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Punjab Agriculture University has also conducted any such study and submitted their recommendations to Government;

(g) if so, the details thereof;

(h) the steps taken to implement the report so far; and

(i) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER FOR TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c). The Ministry of Food Processing Industries have not prepared any study report for setting up food processing industries in Punjab.

(d) to (i). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Proposal to set up nursing University in Kerala

5272. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Nursing University in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA):

(a) Government has no such proposal at present.

(b) Question does not arise.

Transfer Posts in CPWD

5273. SHRI M. SELVARASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether regular transfer category post of CPWD are sanctioned on All India basis and allocated to different regions of CPWD; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to allocate these posts of Madras Region (Region)?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

[*Translation*]

Demolition of L.P.G. Godowns by D.D.A.

5274. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Development Authority has recently received representations in connection with demolition of godowns and showrooms of L.P.G. distributors in eastern part of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to allot any land to them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d). According to DDA, no representation in this connection have been received since no such godown/showroom has been demolished by DDA recently.

Allotment of land for shifting of such godowns/ showrooms are eligible for alternate site, is considered by DDA.

Jute Mill In Bihar

5275. **SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV RAVI:** Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a jute mill in Madhepura district of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER FOR TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In the Jute Sector, there already exists within the country sufficient capacity for manufacture of traditional jute goods. There is a supply and demand imbalance in both the export and local markets. The Jute Sector is also facing the export and local markets. The Jute Sector is also facing a stiff competition from synthetic substitutes. There is, therefore, no scope for establishing a new jute mill in the country including Madhepura District, for the manufacture of traditional jute products. However, as part of the diversification programme for the Jute Sector, the Government is prepared to consider on merits

applications for the setting up of units for the manufacture of diversified products.

[*English*]

Outdated Textile Units

5276. **SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:** Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the textile units in the country are outdated;

(b) the steps taken to replace the outdated equipment and machinery and modernisation of textile units in the country;

(c) whether the schemes have been drawn up for the purpose; and

(d) the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER FOR TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. It has been estimated that about 63% of the spindles and 82% of the looms installed in the industry are more than 15 years old.

(b) to (d). A Textile Modernisation Fund with a corpus of Rs.750 crores was set up on 1.8.86 for 5 years to meet the modernisation requirements of the textile industry. A part of the Fund has been earmarked for providing special loans to weak but viable units to meet a major part (upto 80%) of the promoter's contribution.

[*Translation*]

Vacant Land in Motia Khan

5277. **SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH:** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: