

(c) the objectives for holding the fair; and

(d) whether these objectives have been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The fair was meant for only Indian exporters.

(c) The objective of holding the fair was to promote exports of garments from India by giving exposure to our products to the foreign buyers.

(d) Yes, Sir. A large number of foreign buyers and buying agents visited the fair to develop contacts with the Indian exporters.

Decrease in Ground Water Level in Madhya Pradesh

5479. SHRI LOKENDRA SINGH:
SHRI PURUSHOTTAM
KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the water level is gradually going down in the country especially in some parts of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Union Government have taken any steps to expeditiously recharge the underground water level;

(c) whether they propose to provide financial assistance to the State for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) While no general decline has been recorded in the ground water table, declines as well as rises in ground water levels have been recorded in different localised pockets in the country, including Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Planning, developing and management of ground water are carried out by the State Governments. Measures to recharge ground water include appropriate land and water management practices to conserve and augment ground water, and artificial recharge.

(c) and (d). The matter is under consideration.

Nationalisation of Textile Mills

5480. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textile mills nationalised and placed under the National Textile Corporation;

(b) how many of them are running at profit;

(c) whether Government propose to nationalise more textile mills; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) At present, there are 109 nationalised and 15 managed textile mills under National Textile Corporation.

(b) During the period April, 1989–January, 1990, 25 nationalised textile mills of NTC earned provisional net profit.

(c) There is no proposal for additional nationalisation at present.

(d) Does not arise.

Regional Workshop on Warehouse Management of Stored Foodgrains

5481. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a regional workshop on "Warehouse Management of Stored Foodgrains" was held in Delhi in March-April, 1990;

(b) if so, the organisers of the workshop;

(c) the countries which participated in the workshop;

(d) the subject/topics on which deliberations were made;

(e) the recommendations made at the workshop; and

(f) the follow up action taken thereon?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Organisations were the Department of Food, Government of India and Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations, Regional Office for Asia and Pacific, Bangkok.

(c) The participating countries were Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and India

(d) The subject/topics covered various aspects of warehouse management and preservation of stored foodgrains.

(e) A statement is attached.

(f) They recommendations will be considered for implementation by the Governments of the net-work countries in the field of inter-country cooperation in post harvest technology and quality control of foodgrains executed by FAO and funded by UNDP.

STATEMENT

Recommendations of the regional workshop on Warehouse Management of stored foodgrains (19th March-6th April, 1990)

- 1 The second phase of the regional network on Inter-country Cooperation in Post Harvest Technology and Quality Control of Foodgrains funded by UNDP and executed by FAO is sanctioned upto 30th September, 1990 at present. All the participants unanimously desired that before TCDC (Technical Cooperation Among Developing Countries) approach can be applied within the region, UNDP need be requested to extend the network for another 4 years upto 1994. In the third phase, emphasis should be laid on development of TCDC approach by a targetted date to foster self-reliance.
2. The Regional Coordinator, RAPA, FAO Bangkok may be requested to take up the matter with donor agencies for not only strengthening REGNET but also to cater to the individual needs of the national member countries and the institutions.
3. Drying of high-moisture grain requires focussed attention through sponsorship of research activities by donor agencies for development of suitable dryers/strategies.