

[English]

**Surplus Molasses**

40. SHRI MUKUL BALAKRISHANA WASNIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the newsitem, captioned "Rs. 34 crores molasses destined to rot" appeared in the Indian Express, New Delhi dated 22 June, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the estimated surplus molasses during the current alcohol year; and

(d) the quantum of molasses exported during the current year and the foreign exchange earned therefrom as compared to the corresponding period of last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The surplus estimated for the current year is 2 lakh tonnes.

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

[Translation]

**DIC's Stand on Kashmir**

41. SHRI BHGWAN SHANHAKAR RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the stand taken by the Organisation of Islamic Countries (DIC) on Kashmir at its recent meet in Turkey;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An official statement on June 19, 1992, described the stand taken by the DIC as 'one sided, unacceptable, prejudiced and irrelevant'.

(c) The views of the Government of India have been made clear to all participants in the meeting.

**Import of Fertilizers**

42. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of each type of fertilizer imported in the first six months of the current financial year;

(b) the total amount of the foreign exchange incurred thereon; and

(c) the quantity of fertilizers proposed to be imported during the remaining period of the current year and the expenditure likely to be involved thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). The Mineral & Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (MMTC), which is the canalizing agency for finished fertilizers, has contracted till 30th June approximately 15 lakh tonnes of DAP, 14 lakh tonnes of MOP 12 lakh tonnes of Urea and 1.3 lakh tonnes of NPK at a total C & F cost of US \$ 728 million. Out of the contracted quantity,