

(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Union Government to protect the interests of the traditional fishermen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The fishermen alleged that the operation of deep sea fishing vessels under Charter & Joint Ventures on the West Coast, affects their fishing operations adversely, specially in Gujarat and Saurashtra Coast. Fishermen have demanded that deep sea fishing vessels may be allowed to fish only beyond 24 nautical miles from the Shore. The fishermen also demanded cancellation of permissions given under the deep sea fishing policy, among other things.

(c) The matter has been reviewed and an Expert Committee has been constituted for making an indepth study in consultation with the concerned State Govts. and to suggest remedial measures.

[*Translation*]

Multinationals in Soft Drink Industry

5647. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL
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SHRI SANT RAM SINGLA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received from multinationals in 1992-93 and 1993-94, for the setting up of soft drink units in the country;

(b) whether the Coca-cola project is expected to generate direct and indirect employment in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Pepsi-cola and Coca-cola sold in the country are of poor quality, as compared to International standards; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The number of applications received during the reference period is one.

(b) and (c). The Coca-cola Project is expected to generate substantial employment both directly and indirectly. As reported by the company, on an average, approximately 5000 people could be employed per bottling plant in India.

(d) No such complaints have been received.

(e) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Mineral Exploitation in the Exclusive Economic Zone

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state: