

(b) The export was being done in the past as well. The export of oilseeds (groundnut, sesamum and niger) during 1992-93 was 70,120 tonnes valued at Rs. 123.65 crores.

(c) and (d). Although there was increase in the production of oilseed during 1993-94 but the recovery of oil was less because the production of groundnut is less which is an efficient producer of oil than Soyabean; (inefficient oil producing crop). Therefore, there was some rise in the price of oilseeds in the market.

(e) To increase the production of oilseeds, a Centrally Sponsored Oil Seed Production Programme (OPP) is under implementation in 21 states of the Country. The OPP provides assistance on key inputs to the farmers to raise productivity levels of these crops.

#### **Availability of Wagons**

4927. SHRI SHIVLAL NAGJIBHAI VEKARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, during the peak marketing season of agricultural produce in the surplus foodgrains producing states like Punjab and Haryana, Government have always denied the facility of railway wagons for transportation of foodgrains to deficit states thus affecting farmers' interests adversely;

(b) whether the Government propose to reconsider the matter and make available wagons to the farmers of these States during this season; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Wagons are supplied for loading of foodgrains and other agro produce by Government agencies, farmers and traders as per priorities and date of registration of indents, subject to operational and route quota restrictions and civil bans, if any. Sometimes loading in piecemeal is restricted to maximise loading for core sector in block rakes.

(b) and (c). Continuous efforts are made to ensure that wagons are supplied on demand and the time lag between demand and supply is reduced to the bare minimum through intensive monitoring.

#### **Sugar Mills**

4928. SHRI ANAND AHIRWAR:  
SHRI BARE LAL JATAV:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new sugar mills set up in Madhya Pradesh during 1993-94;

(b) the time by which these sugar mills are likely to start functioning; and

(c) the reasons for delay in starting them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No new sugar mill has been set up in the state of Madhya Pradesh during the sugar year 1993-94 (as on 31.3.1994).

(b) and (c). Do not arise.