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(v) Secretary, Culture	Member
(vi) Secretary, Welfare	Member
(vii) Secretary, Expenditure	Member
(viii) Secretary, Education	Member

Sugar in Khandsari Units

2992. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average recovery of sugar in Khandsari Units is estimated to be about 6.5% and with the use of vacuum pans the recovery may be raised upto an average of 9.5%;

(b) the estimated production of the Khandsari Units in the country, State-wise and how much this production can be raised if these units are allowed the use of vacuum pans; and

(c) the steps taken as yet and to be taken in future in this regard to eliminate the recovery loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The average recovery of Khandsari units varies between 6-7% on cane.

However, if vacuum pan process is introduced, it may improve the recovery percentage of cane. Since licensing, pricing and distribution controls are applicable to vacuum pan process of manufacture of sugar, these would also become applicable to Khandsari units using vacuum pan process.

The licensing of Khandsari units is not controlled by the Central Government

and as such the production data of Khandsari units is not available.

The Committee constituted to formulate Development Programme for Sugar Industry for the 8th Five Year Plan in its report had recommended that the State Governments having concentration of Khandsari units should undertake R&D work for recovery improvement and may also extend due assistance to Khandsari units undertaking such modernisation productivity improvement programmes.

Jalianwala Bagh

2993. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jalianwala Bagh, a national monument continues to be neglected and desecrated and fast losing its importance; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to protect it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SEJJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.