

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c). Construction of bridges on National Highways, including those in Madhya Pradesh, is a continuous activity. As the Demands for Grants for 1995-96 are yet to be passed by Parliament, it is too early to indicate details of proposed construction and expenditure on bridges in Madhya Pradesh during this year.

(d) Carrying our repairs to bridges is a continuous activity. Repair works are undertaken within the funds available as and when the need arises. However, no bridge on National Highways in Madhya Pradesh is under major repair at present.

[*Translation*]

Oil Seeds Processing

5664. DR. CHINTA MOHAN :
SHRI NAVAL KISHORE RAI :

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

(a) whether attention of the Union Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Oil seeds processing sector faced with idle capacity" appearing in *Daily Observer* dated April 4, 1995;

(b) if so, whether the installed crushing capacity of oil seeds is not being fully utilised in the country;

(c) if so, the percentage of the total annual capacity of crushing oilseeds utilised during the last three years;

(d) reasons of low utilisation of crushing capacity; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure maximum utilisation of the crushing capacity of oil seeds sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Gold Reserves in Tribal Gujarat

5665. SHRI N.J. RATHVA : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has located new reserves of Gold and other valuable minerals in the tribal districts of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has recommended the setting up of industrial projects in tribal areas of Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA) : (a) and (b). The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has found reserves in Gujarat as follows :

(i) Gold in Alech hills Jamnagar district. The results obtained were not encouraging to merit further detailed work.

(ii) Copper investigations in Khandia area, Vadodra district.

(iii) Strategic minerals in Banashantha district.

(iv) Cement grade limestone in Jamnagar, Junagarh and Amreli districts.

(v) Lignite in Bharuch, Raj-pardi and Vastan areas. A total reserve of 40 million tonnes of lignite has been estimated.

(vi) Investigation for tungsten around Atal village Banas-Kantha district indicated reserves ranging from 0.07 to 1.6% tungsen.

(vii) Wollastonite in Ghode and Dhanpura area, Banaskantha distt.

(viii) Dimensional stones in Sabarkantha and Banaskantha distts.

(c) No Projects in respect of the findings indicated in reply to (a) and (b) have been recommended by the Planning Commission to be set up.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

National Land Use Policy

5666. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have prepared a national land use policy for optimum utilisation and management of land resources; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) be pleased to state :

(a) and (b). Based on the information furnished by the Ministry of Agriculture, the National Land Use Conservations Board, in the Ministry of Agriculture has prepared a national land use policy outline and action points for optimum utilisation and management of land resources of the country. Some of the important steps recommended are :

(i) to slow down the rate at which we are losing soil due to water and wind erosion;

(ii) introduction of scientific irrigation management;

- (iii) investments for treating the catchments to prevent the collapse of irrigation system due to premature siltation; and
- (iv) Propagation of dry farming technologies so that in-situ moisture conservation practices are adopted.

Salaries to Indian Employees in Dubai

5667. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :

SHRI RAM NAIK :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian employees of major construction firms and companies in Dubai very often approach Indian Consulate for help in getting their salaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof during last three years upto March 31, 1995, firm-wise; and

(c) the assistance provided/being provided to the workers in Dubai by the Indian Consulate in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are as per enclosed Statement.

(c) As and when the complaint is received by the Consulate the matter is taken up with the employer/ sponsor promptly for an amicable settlement of the dispute. Whenever required, the Consulate approaches Ministry of Labour and Labour Courts for the redressal of the grievances of the employees.

STATEMENT

Nos. of cases of complaints Regarding Payment of Salaries to our Consulate at Dubai

Year	No of Cases	Name of Company
1	2	3
1992	14	M/s. Al Taawon Transport Co. Dubai
	14	M/s. Al Ghurair Group of Companies, Dubai.
	68	M/s. Deeb Cont. Co., Dubai.
	1	M/s. A.C. Arif Cont. Co., Dubai.
	1	M/s. Mohd. Bin Ghalib Enterprises, Dubai.
1993	102	Miscellaneous complaints
	15	M/s. Lubna Int. Manpower Consultancy
1994	135	Miscellaneous complaints
	18	M/s. House of Travels, Dubai and Sharjah
	45	M/s. Team engineers Co., Khorfakkan.

	1	2	3
1995		34	M/s. Shattaf Anadn Steel Rolling Mills, Sharjah.
		16	M/s. Khaleej Sugar, Dabui.
		125	Miscellaneous complaints.
		11	M/s. Gem Readymade Garments Factory, Sharjah
		13	M/s. Middle East Metal Industries Co., Ajman.
		13	Miscellaneous complaints received
	2000		M/s. Bartawi Group of Companies, Dubai

Fruits and Vegetables

5668. SHRI NURUL ISLAM :

SHRI PAWAN DIWAN :

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY :

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

(a) whether India produces the largest quantity of fruits in the world;

(b) if not, the factual position/comparative data in this regard and the total installed capacity of Food Processing Industries and capacity utilisation thereof;

(c) whether a major part of production of fruits goes wasted in the country due to non-utilisation thereof;

(d) if so, the annual average of percentage of fruits that get wasted and the part of remaining fruit production being exported;

(e) the percentage of fruits processed and utilised in the country; and

(f) the details of various plans/schemes prepared by the Government to ensure full utilisation of fruit and vegetable produce by developing necessary processing facilities and the incentives proposed to be provided to the private entrepreneurs in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, as per FAO information India produced 32.9 million tonnes of fruits followed by Brazil with a production of 32.64 million tonnes. The total installed capacity of fruit and vegetable processing industries, excluding fried and sun-dried products, is estimated to be 14.02 lakh metric tonnes, capable of processing approximately 2.85 million tonnes of fruits and vegetables, and its utilisation is 48%.

(c) to (e). Although no survey has been conducted to assess the perishing and non-utilization of fruits and vegetables, it is estimated that quality deterioration and losses in value that take place is about 25 to 30% of some fruits and vegetables due to inadequacy of post harvest infrastructure, processing facilities and