

**Implementation of agreement with
Pepsico Foods**

346. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING
INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pepsico Foods have started
production in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Pepsico Foods have imple-
mented the agreement in full, if not, the
points of the agreement not implemented
and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER FOR TEXTILES AND
MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING IN-
DUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a)
and (b). According to available information,
the plant for processing potato and grain
based products of M/s. Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd.
is already under operation.

(c) Which agreement is referred to is
not clear and hence, Government is unable
to indicate the position.

[*Translation*]

**Setting up of Jute-Based Industries in
Uttar Pradesh**

347. SHRI RAMLAL RAH: Will the
Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is demand to set up
jute-based industries in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government propose
to set up Jute-based industries in Jute pro-
ducing areas add other areas in Uttar
Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND

MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING IN-
DUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a)
Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). It is not considered eco-
nomically feasible to set up new jute mills for
production of traditional jute products for
packaging sector. However, jute based in-
dustries for production of non-traditional and
diversified jute goods will be encouraged in
different parts of the country including Uttar
Pradesh.

[*English*]

Physically Handicapped Persons

348. SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Will the
Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of physically
handicapped persons in the country;

(b) the major institutions functioning in
the country to provide suitable training to
them in different skills to make them useful
citizens;

(c) the number of handicapped gain-
fully employed; and

(d) the particulars of schemes under
way for further expanding the training faci-
lities to them?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND
WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) According to a Survey conducted by
National Sample Survey Organisation in 1981,
there were 12 million physically handicapped
persons in the country which constituted
1.8% of total population.

(b) A statement is given below.

(c) Information regarding total number
of handicapped gainfully employed is not
available. However, during the year 1989