

(d) whether the Government also propose to set up a cashew mango processing unit with the assistance of NABARD; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. BALARAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b). The proposal to set up a Board for the development of cashew cultivation is at a preliminary stage.

(c) The Government of India implements the Market Intervention Scheme on the specific request of the State Governments when distress sale by farmers is apprehended. No such request has been received from any State in the case of cashew. The Government of Kerala under the Kerala Raw-Cashewnut (Procurement and Distribution) Act 1981, procures raw cashewnut at remunerative prices from cashew growers.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Production of Petroleum Products

*235. SHRI RAMKRISHNA
KUSMARIA:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

Will the Minister of PETROLUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had any discussions with the representatives of the Asian Development Bank in January, 1992;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any fund is being provided by the Asian Development Bank for encouraging production of petroleum products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). Two loan Agreements with the Asian Development Bank have been signed in 1991 - one of US \$267 million for development of the Gandhar field and the other of US \$ 250 million for promoting accelerated exploration and development of domestic hydrocarbon resources.

In January 1992, general discussions were held with some representatives of the Asian Development Bank.

Organisation of Seminars

*236. SHRIVILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details off seminars organised directly and indirectly by his Ministry during 1991;

(b) the topics discussed in those seminar and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon?

MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c). A Statement is accached.