

[English]

**Constraints in Food Processing Industries viz-a-viz.**

8190. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:  
SHRI ANNA JOSHI:

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

(a) the percentage of processed foods viz-a-viz the total production of fruits and vegetables in the country as compared to other countries;

(b) the percentage of Capacity utilisation in the food growth; Processing Units;

(c) the main constraints in the food processing industrial growth; and

(d) the steps taken for developing internal market for processed foods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO):

(a) While no specific study has been conducted, it is estimated that approximately 1% of the total fruits and vegetables in the country is processed. The percentage is approximately 70% in Brazil and U.S. A. 78% in Philippines, 83% in Malaysia and 30% in Thailand.

(b) It is estimated that the capacity utilisation in food processing units varies between 30% to 60% depending upon the product manufactured.

(c) Food Processing Industry; suffers from various constraints such as high cost of packaging material, lack of infrastructure, high incidence of local taxes, inadequate marketing facilities, non-availability of right quality and quantity of raw material at reasonable rates for a long period in the fruit &

vegetables sector, lack of modern food processing facilities and social constraints for the meat and poultry industry, inadequacy or resource specific vessels and lack of diversification in fishing operations etc.

(d) This Ministry has formulated a scheme for the 8th Plan for providing marketing assistance to State Government Organisations /joint sector / cooperatives/ autonomous bodies for production of literature, advertisement and marketing of products of small scale and cottage scale units under their brand names. Assistance is also provided for promotion of FPO symbol as a mark of quality for processed foods.

[Translation]

**Minerals in Churu District, Rajasthan**

8191. SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN:  
Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey in Churu district of Rajasthan with regard to availability of mineral deposits;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether potassium has been found in Dimargarh district Churu;

(d) if so, the details of the quantity available and classification thereof; and

(e) by when the exploration and mining of these mineral likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a result of survey carried out by Geological Survey of India (GSI) Gypsite occurrences at Bane, Bhalan, Bharin, Deog-

arh and Sethon, and minor occurrences of copper ore at Bidasar Dariba and Birmasar have been located. Exploration by drilling in Lakasar Dungargarh evaporite basin in western part of Churu district have established low grade potassium deposits.

(c) and (d). GSI have established low grade potash reserves of 28.26 million tonnes with an average of 7.75% potassium of probable category and 113.3 million tonnes with an average of 6.42% potassium of possible category from an area of 29.05 sq. km. at depths between 540-600 metres. The reserves are associated with large rock salt deposits of 60% NAC1.

(e) Economic viability of mining these deposits is to be assessed in view of low grade of potash and its occurrences at a great depth.

#### **Demands of Postal Employees**

8192. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether postal employees are on agitation these days;

(b) if so, the details of their demand; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise in view of the reply to (a) above.

[English]

#### **Newsprint Control Order, 1962**

8193. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:

SHRI RABI RAY:  
SHRI S.B. THORAT:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Newspaper Society has requested the Government to rescind the Newsprint Control Order, 1962; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government's attitude to such issues is consistent with its policy of safeguarding the interest of the indigenoes newsprint manufacturers and also the healthy growth of the Press.

#### **Construction of Hotels and Yatri Niwas In U.P.**

8194. SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of financial assistance provided by the Union Government to Uttar Pradesh for promoting tourism in the State and the number of hotels and yatri niwas constructed in the State during 1991-92;

(b) whether the Union Government have received proposals from the State Government of U.P. regarding construction of yatri niwas in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Central financial assistance