

Product-Mix for Vanaspati Units

5396. SHRI RAM SAMUJHAWAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently announced a new policy of product-mix for vanaspati units ;

(b) if so, details thereof ;

(c) whether some vanaspati units were reported to have sold RBD palm oil as vanaspati in the past and made substantial profits ; if so, the names of these units and action taken against them ;

(d) whether there is any mechanism to conduct surprise sampling to ensure that not only palm oil is used in vanaspati production but also the finished product does not contain any harmful ingredient ; and

(e) whether there is any Central Laboratory to test it and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b). The Oil-mix for vanaspati units is subject to wide variations depending upon the type of imported oil available with the State Trading Corporation.

(c) No Vanaspati unit was reported to have packed RBD palm oil as vanaspati.

(d) and (e). Regular surprise inspections are conducted for collection of samples which are analysed by both conventional and modern techniques in the laboratory of Directorate of Vanaspati, Vegetable Oils & Fats, to see if they confirm to the prescribed specifications.

Collapse of Boundary Wall of Central Warehousing Corporation in East Delhi

5397. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the boundary wall around Central Warehousing Corporation in East Delhi collapsed in the squalls which lashed the Capital on 9 April, 1985 killing two villagers ;

(b) whether the construction material used in the wall has been found sub-standard and the Central Forensic Research Laboratory has taken the sample thereof ; and

(c) if so, details thereof and action proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) A portion of the boundary wall at the Patparganj warehouse of the Central Warehousing Corporation collapsed on 9-4-85 when the squall lashed the city. Two persons who had taken shelter outside the wall were killed.

(b) and (c). Samples of the construction materials of the wall have been sent to two laboratories for a report on the quality of materials used. On receipt of the report, such action as may be warranted would be taken by the Corporation.

Publicity to the Activities of the Press Council

5398. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Press Council regretted that adequate publicity has not been given to the activities of the Council ;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ; and

(c) the steps proposed to ameliorate their grievances ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.