

[Translation]

Revision of procurement price of levy sugar

2871. SHRI MANOJ PANDEY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether procurement price of levy sugar is to be revised; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria to be adopted for refixation of price of levy sugar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) No revision of the procurement price of levy sugar is contemplated at present.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

F.A.O. estimates for food import requirements of India

2872 DR. V. VENKATESH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Food and Agriculture Organisation has made an estimate of the food import requirements of India;

(b) if so, these assessments;

(c) how does it compare with Government's own assessment; and

(d) how does the Government propose to meet it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) to (d) It is understood that Food and Agriculture Organisation has estimated India's requirement for commercial purchases of cereals as nil. It is in conformity with Government's own assessment.

Sickness in electronics industry in West Bengal

2873. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether sickness in the Electronics Industry in the small sector in West Bengal is widespread; and

(b) if so, the technological and financial assistance proposed to be rendered to enable the industry to overcome the sickness ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIV. RAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Widespread sickness in the Electronics Industry in the small scale sector in West Bengal has not come to the notice of Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Per capita gross national product

2874. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether India's per capita income is growing at a meagre annual rate of 1.6 per cent as compared to neighbouring countries like China, Pakistan and Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to improve India's GNP ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) The World Bank Development Report, 1986 published by the World Bank shows India's annual growth rate of per capita income averaged over the