

Production and Import of Ghee

877. **SHRI V. SOBHANADREE-SWARA RAO** : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of Ghee produced in the country and its domestic demand;

(b) whether it is a fact that Ghee is imported from several countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether such import of Ghee will adversely affect the milk producers in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SRIH YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The production of ghee in the country is largely in the unorganised sector. As such, information with regard to total production of ghee and the domestic demand of ghee is not available.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

Central Assistance to Bombay

878. **DR. SUDHIR ROY** : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central assistance of Rs. 100 crores for development of Bombay has been paid;

(b) if so, when;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether this amount is under Plan assistance;

(e) under what specific heads the amount of Rs. 100 crores is being distributed;

(f) whether the amount is an out-right grant or loan; and

(g) if it is a loan, the repayment period and interest charged, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c). Central assistance of Rs. 100 crores to the Government of Maharashtra for solving the acute housing and slums problem in Bombay is to be released in phases during the remaining years of the 7th Plan. Rs. 5 crores have already been released as "ways and means advance" pending scrutiny and approval of the schemes recently received from the State Govt.

(d) to (g). The amount is to be released as a Non-Plan grant. Three broad heads under which the schemes have been suggested by the State Government are— (i) slum upgradation, (ii) Dharavi Development and (iii) urban renewal and reconstruction, in Bombay.

Consumer Price Index

879. **SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA** : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is proposed to fix 1982 as the base year to work out the Consumer Price Index;

(b) if so, the reasons for changing the base year; and

(c) whether any decision has been taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is considered desirable to change the base year from 1960 to 1982, in order that it may adequately reflect the actual consumption expenditure pattern of the concerned group as revealed by the Family Income and Expenditure Survey conducted in 1981-82.

(c) Yes, Sir. As at (a) above.