

up a South Asian Food Security Reserve to meet emergencies in this part of the world ;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposal ; and

(c) whether the neighbouring countries have been consulted in the matter and if so, their response in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir ; there is a proposal to establish a South Asian Food Security Reserve to meet emergency food requirements of the region. The proposal envisages participation of the countries of the region, viz., Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Details in this regard are being worked out through discussion among the countries.

Manufacture of plastic crates by Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd.

2219. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR :
SHRI MANIK REDDY :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited at Baroda has decided to manufacture plastic crates and place them at the disposal of the apple trade in a bid to introduce the use of plastic in fruit packaging ; and

(b) if so, how far it will be beneficial to the apple growers of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND

PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) No, Sir. Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) has no proposal to manufacture plastic crates

(b) Does not arise.

Transmission and distribution losses

2220. Dr. A. K. PATEL :

SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) the position in each State and Union Territory in regard to transmission losses and consequential annual losses there in terms of rupees ; and

(b) what are the distribution losses and the permissible level ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHTAGI) : (a) The percentage of transmission and distribution losses in the various State Electricity Boards/ Electricity Departments during 1985-86 is indicated in the statement given below. Annual losses in terms of rupees would depend on the extent of transmission and distribution losses in power supply to the urban and rural areas, and the prevalent tariffs for various categories of consumers.

(b) There are no internationally recognised norms of transmission and distribution losses. These losses depend on a number of factors, such as the adequacy of transmission and distribution networks, quality of transformers and the characteristics of the connected loads.