

expected to collectively ensure implementation of projects within the sanctioned cost and time estimates. In addition, responsibilities of key officers concerned with execution of projects are also being specifically determined.

Supply of Steel to Re-rolling Mills

4846. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether some States have approached the Union Government regarding augmentation of supply of steel to the re-rolling mills ; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) No State Government has approached the Government of India regarding augmentation of supply of steel to re-rolling mills.

(b) Does not arise.

NAFED Price Support Plan for Oilseeds

4847. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether NAFED has geared itself to provide effective price support for oilseeds on the basis of floor price fixed by the Commission for Agriculture Costs and Prices ;

(b) if so, details thereof ;

(c) whether Government would ensure minimum purchase price of oilseeds as also the maximum consumer price for vegetable oils and oilcake ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices recommends only minimum support price for five major oilseeds viz. groundnut, mustard/rapeseed,

sunflowerseed, safflower and soyabean. Keeping in view the recommendations, Government fixes the support price. NAFED as the Central Nodal Agency has made the necessary preparations and geared up its machinery to enter markets as and when the situations so warrants. The operational details planned for 1987-88 marketing season include identification of purchase centres, arrangements for working capital packing material, storage publicity, orientation and training programmes for the field staff of various agencies involved.

(c) and (d) NAFED has been authorised to purchase the entire quantity of oilseeds covered under the price support scheme and offered for sale by growers at support price. As regards the consumer prices, there is no price control on indigenous edible oils and oilcake. Imported edible oils is issued at pre-determined and moderate price. With improvement and maintenance of supply management of imported edible oil, it is expected that price level for indigenous oil would be kept at reasonable level.

Incidents of Hazardous Gas Leakage

4848. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of hazardous gas leakage incidents in the country after the Bhopal gas tragedy ;

(b) the number of persons affected by these accidents ;

(c) the amount of compensation given to the legal heirs of the victims ; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to rehabilitate them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) to (d) According to information furnished by State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, 79 incidents of gas leakages involving death of 18 persons and injury to 418 persons were reported during 1985. Compensation was paid according to the relevant statutes.