

Import of sugar

1232. SHRI BALWANT SINGH
RAMOOWALIA :

DR. CHINTA MOHAN :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the buffer stock of sugar in the country in December, 1987;

(b) whether the stock is sufficient to meet the requirement;

(c) the total production of sugar during 1987-88;

(d) whether Government have decided to import sugar; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA) : (a) No buffer stock of sugar is being maintained. However, a stock of 23.35 lakh tonnes of indigenous sugar was available with the factories as on 31.12.1987.

(b) The present over-all sugar availability in the country, including imported sugar stocks, is adequate to meet the requirement of internal consumption.

(c) The total sugar production during the current 1987-88 season aggregated to 40.86 lakh tonnes as on 7th February, 1988.

(d) and (e) The import of sugar was resorted to bridge the gap between availability and internal consumption. The Government policy relating to quantum and schedule of import of sugar is decided after considering domestic availability, demand and other relevant factors.

[English]

Reduction in import duty on plastic raw materials

1233. SHRI Y. S. MAHAJAN : Will

the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Organisation of Plastic Processors of India (OPP) have approached Government to reduce the import duty on various plastic raw materials to enable the industry to maintain its production and 12% growth rate;

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

(c) the other measures Government propose to take to ensure regular supply of raw materials at reasonable rates to the plastic goods manufacturers ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The views expressed by the Industry Associations are given due consideration while recommending import levies on plastic raw-materials from time to time.

(c) Government are organising import of plastic raw materials through STC and IPCL to help small scale consumer units. By way of long term solution to the problem, additional capacities for the manufacture of plastic raw materials have been approved and are in the process of being established.

Works at Rajghat, U.P.

1234. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that works at Rajghat in U.P. allotted to the National Projects Construction Corporation have been sublet to the private contractors which is being delayed by the contractors;

(b) whether the management of the National Projects Construction Corporation is giving vehicles to private contractors; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?