

in the cashew industry in Kerala due to closure of many cashew factories and decrease in the number of mandays worked owing to the non-availability of raw cashew-nuts during the year; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give any incentives for cashew cultivations as a measure for increasing the production within the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) According to information received from Government of Kerala, during 1987, 79 Cashew factories affecting 33,670 workers were closed due to non-availability of cashewnuts.

(b) The Government of India has sanctioned a centrally sponsored package scheme for increasing cashew production during the 7th Five Year Plan with an estimated cost of Rs. 696 lakhs. Of this, the share of Government of India is Rs. 481.54 lakhs. Under the Scheme subsidies are provided towards cost of plant protection chemicals, fresh planting and maintenance under area expansion programmes for small and marginal farmers, laying down demonstration plots, etc.

#### Regarding Aluminium Development & Design Centre

8219. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :  
PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has recently informed Union Government that the laad required for the proposed Aluminium Development and Design Centre at Nagpur has been released; and

(b) if so, the time by which the proposed centres is likely to be set up and commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Centres is likely to be set up and commissioned in five years time from the date of allotment of land. The centre will, however, start functioning from temporary premises very soon.

#### Import of Palm Oil

8220. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of palm oil imported during 1987-88 and the total expenditure incurred thereon; and

(b) the countries from which it was imported ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA) : (a) The quantity and landed cost of various types of Palm oils imported by State Trading Corporation of India during 1987-88 is as under :

Quantity (in lakh tonnes)	Landed cost (Rs. in crores)
11.44 (Prov.)	902.08 (Prov.)

(b) Origin of oil is supplier's option. However, usually the countries of origin of Palm oils are Malaysia and Indonesia.

#### Soyabean Cultivation

8221. SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :  
SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA :  
SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY ;  
SHRI SRI HARI RAO :  
SHRI MANIK REDDY :  
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA  
GAVIT :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to give incentives to farmers to step up the cultivation of soyabean in the country;

(b) if so, the States where soyabean cultivation is likely to be promoted;

(c) whether any additional funds have been allocated for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY

OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Two national projects, namely National Oilseed Development Project (NODP) and Oilseed Production Thrust Project (OPTP) are in operation in various states for the development of oilseeds including soyabean. Assistance is provided for the production of seed, plant protection measures, transfer of technology, supply of rhizobium etc. in order to step up production of soyabean.

(b) The States covered under NODP/OPTD for soyabean are Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Assam, Sikkim and Himachal Pradesh.

(c) and (d). State-wise allocation made for Soyabean development under OPTD during 1988-89 is as follows :

State	Allocation (Rs. lakhs)
Madhya Pradesh	159.6
Rajasthan	24.4
Sikkim	4.5
Uttar Pradesh	9.04

In addition, funds are also provided for nine oilseeds crops including Soyabean under N.O.D.P.

#### Sale of Vanaspati in Delhi

8222. SHRI KAMLA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the total monthly consumption of vanaspati in Delhi;

(b) the monthly quantity produced by the Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation Limited at present;

(c) the quantity of vanaspati ghee produce by HVOC sold in the open market during 1987 and 1988 and how does it compare with the sale during 1984, 1985 and 1986; and

(d) whether the quality of vanaspati produced by the Hindustan Vegetable Oil Corporation Limited is not upto the mark; if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA) : (a) The average monthly consumption of vanaspati in Delhi is around 6,500 MT.

(b) The month-wise production of vanaspati by Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation (HVOC) in the Oil Year 1987-88 (November to March, 1988) in Delhi has been as under—

Year	Production
Nov., 87	1528.470
Dec., 87	1148.850
Jan., 88	1158.840
Feb., 88	1093.905
March, 88	574.425
	5504.490

(c) The details of production of vanaspati and sale by HVOC in the open market in Delhi during the period 1984 to 1988 are as under—

	Production	Sale (Figures in MT)	
		Army	Civil
1984	20842.62	—	20970.43
1985	14455.609	3786.089	10099.196
1986	16935.18	11380.047	5641.27
1987	14870.219	7822.362	7261.965
1988 (Jan. to March)	2827.17	2449.801	402.6

(d) The vanaspati produced by HVOC is regularly checked for quality and has been found upto the mark as it conforms in quality to the specifications laid down for the purpose under Vegetable Oil Products (Standards of Quality) Order, 1975 and Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954.

#### Financial Assistance to Sugar Mills in Andhra Pradesh

8223. SHRI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :