

(a) whether the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation has a tie with Voltas Limited to make agro based products in Punjab;

(b) if so, the items which they are making and their capacity;

(c) whether C.F.T.R.I. Mysore has the technology for juice processing, potato chips and soft drink concentrate; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b). Agro Food Punjab Limited has a tie up with Voltas Limited to make fruit products. The items of fruit products allowed to be manufactured by them include fruit juice concentrates, tomato puree and paste tomato ketchup, fruit pulp juice, squashes etc. The capacity of the unit is estimated at 4,000 M.T.

(c) and (d). Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore have technologies for soft drink concentrates and they have know-how for orange, lime and lemon carbonated beverages.

#### **Institute of Water Sports**

3119. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to establish an institute of water sports in Goa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Inland Water Transport Potential Between Kakinada and Madras**

3120. SHRI T. BALA GOUD : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rail India Technical and Economic Service entrusted to investigate the Inland Water transport potential between Kakinada and Madras has completed its work on the Kakinada—Doulaiswarm canal;

(b) if so, whether it has found the segment strong enough for transportation of goods thereby easing the pressure on railways and roadways;

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken for transportation of goods through this waterway ; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to strengthen the waterways in the other segments between Kakinada and Madras on a large scale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The responsibility for development of inland waterways other than National Waterways rests with the State Govts. However, the Central Government is extending loan assistance to the State Government for implementation of Centrally sponsored Schemes for improvement of waterways. Under this, a scheme relating to improvement of North Buckingham Canal in Tamil Nadu costing Rs. 2 crores has already been sanctioned. A scheme for integrated development of four canals falling in the territory of Andhra Pradesh has also been recently formulated by the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.

#### **Shortage of Workers in Cochin Port**

3121. SHRI T. BASHEER : Will the

Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is crisis in a the Cochin Port due to acute shortage of waker of workers in the Port;

(b) whether the Port Trust Authorities have requested Government to lift the ban on the Recruitment and allow the Cochin Port to fill up vacancies in its workforce; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) No, Sir. But the shortage of workers in flat on certain occasions when there is bunching of vessels.

(b) and (c). According to the existing guidelines issued by Government regarding creation of posts and filling up of vacancies, vacancies arising due to promotion, retirement or death can be filled up. However, as part of Cochin Port managements efforts to reduce the manning scale, Cochin Port Trust did not fill the vacancies. But since May, 1988, in order to meet operational requirements, Chairman, Cochin Port Trust has filled up 39 vacancies.

**Construction of Dehu Road-Hadapsar and Dehu Road-Katraj Diversion of National Highway in Pune**

3122. SHRI V. N. GADGIL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of the Dehu Road-Hadapsar and Dehu Road-Katraj Section of the diversion of National Highway in Pune district is lying incomplete for several years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c). Construction of Pune byepass between Dehu Road and Katraj is in progress in stages and is likely to be completed by 1993. There is however, no proposal to construct diversion between Dehu Road and Hadapsar.

[*Translation*]

**Import of Merino Wool**

3123. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quality of merino wool imported by the country annually and the names of the countries from which it is imported;

(b) the year-wise quantity of merino wool imported during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have endeavored to produce merino like wool in the country itself by improving the breed of Indian sheep in a planned manner;

(d) if so, the names of those areas where such wool is produced; and

(e) if not, the time by which the country would become self-sufficient in the production of high quantity wool ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected by the Ministry of Textiles.

(c) Yes, Sir. Government has taken a programme of cross breeding of indigenous sheep with imported merino type sheep to augment the merino type wool production in different states since fourth five year plan.

(d) and (e). The state which are producing merino type wool in smaller quantities are Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Hills of Uttar Pradesh and parts of Rajast-