

[*Translation*]

Construction of Roads under RLEGP in Uttar Pradesh

980. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the roads to be constructed in Uttar Pradesh under Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme during the current year; and

(b) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (b). In Uttar Pradesh a total of 1000 kms of earth work and 2700 Kms of soling of roads is proposed to be done under the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme during the current year. The expected expenditure on these works during the current year would be of the order of Rs. 44 crores including the State Share.

[*English*]

Measures for Development of Food Processing Industries

981. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a series of measures for the development of Food Processing Industry;

(b) if so, whether the interest of private sector industry as well as the small scale sector would be kept in mind while implementing those measures; and

(c) the details of guidelines issued to the State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No guidelines have been issued so far to the State Governments. The State Governments have only been requested to form nodal agencies to ensure the development of the food processing sector.

Increasing Production of Fruits and Vegetables

982. SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop and increase the production of fruits and vegetables in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b). Government of India is already implementing various schemes for increasing production of fruits and vegetables. They include:

(i) Improved technology for quality apple production for supply of micro-nutrients, sprayers and anti-hail nets at subsidised rates in the State of J & K., H.P., U.P. and Arunachal Pradesh.

(ii) Demonstration programme for banana in Goa and pineapple in Arunachal Pradesh and Andaman Nicobar Islands.