

Joint Ventures with USSR on Processing Fruit and Vegetable Products

342. SHRI RADHAKANTADIGAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up joint venture with USSR on processing tropical fruit juice and vegetable products;

(b) if so, the time by which the joint venture is likely to be started; and

(c) the agreement signed in this regard with USSR, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). A delegation from USSR during its visit to India had held discussions with both public sector units and private organisations engaged in the field of fruits and vegetable processing in order to explore the possibilities of setting up joint ventures. No time frame has been finalised for setting up such joint ventures.

Facilities for Deinfestation of Mangoes Through Vapour Heat Treatment Process at Visakhapatnam

343. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up facilities for deinfestation of Mangoes through vapour heat treatment process at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh; 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). No, Sir. However, there is a proposal to set up facilities of vapour heat treatment for disinfestation of mangoes on regional basis at Amritsar, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras.

Construction of a New Bridge at Kesara on National Highway No. 9

344. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the inconvenience as well as extra expenditure incurred by truck operators due to prohibition of heavy traffic through the old bridge on Muniyeru at Kesara in Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh of National Highway No. 9 Government propose to construct a new bridge at Kesara; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). Construction of a new bridge 30 metre upstream of the existing bridge including its approaches has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 499.14 lakhs and the work is expected to commence shortly. It is targetted to be completed by 1991-92.

Performance of Cochin, Goa and Hindustan Shipyards

345. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has been made of the performance of the Cochin, Goa and Hindustan Shipyards;

(b) if so, the accumulated losses of those three Shipyards at the end of the year 1988;