

(c) A large proportion of soyabean oil is utilised for direct consumption while a small quantity goes for manufacture of Vanaspati.

(d) Soyabean production has been given high priority in the National Oilseeds Development Project which is being implemented since 1984-85 with a view to accelerating the production. Accordingly, a special project on soyabean is in operation under the National Oilseeds Development Project in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. Besides, Intensive Oilseeds Development Programme covering soyabean is also in operation in the States of Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat, where potentialities for cultivation of this crop exist.

**News item "Traders shun FCI tenders"**

3939. SHRI BHOLA NATH SEN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the news item "Traders shun FCI tenders" appearing in Business Standard dated 25 July, 1985 to state :

(a) whether the sugar traders of Calcutta have boycotted tenders floated by the Food Corporation of India ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the reasons why sugar is not transported to successful bidders through the authorised contractors of F.C.I. ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) and (b). Food Corporation of India is arranging the sale of imported sugar through auctions/tenders in the State of West Bengal. No report of any such boycott of tenders by the sugar traders of Calcutta has been received by the Corporation.

(c) According to the terms of tenders, the stocks are issued to successful tenders from the Corporation of India's depots. After the delivery of stocks, the transportation is the responsibility of the tenderers. The question of transporting the same through authorised contractors of the Food Corporation of India does not arise.

**Proposal from Maharashtra to set up new sugar mills in Seventh plan**

3940. SHRI MURLIDHAR MANE : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Maharashtra Government regarding establishment of 51 new sugar factories in the State during the Seventh Plan period ; and

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been cleared by the Central Government and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Installation of a statue of late Dr. Rajendra Prasad in Delhi.

3941. SHRI KRISHNA PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to instal a statue of the first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, at some suitable place in Delhi ;

(b) if so, location and time by which the statue will be installed ; and