

(b) if so, the reasons for increase in the G.P.F. percentage contributions?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(The present minimum rate of contribution is 6 per cent and not 6½ per cent as mentioned by the Hon'ble Member.)

(b) Does not arise.

Subsidy to Vanaspati Industry for getting Edible Oil

1652. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vanaspati Industry is getting edible oil from State Trading Corporation at subsidised rates;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) whether Government have any machinery to see that the consumers are benefited by this subsidy?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) No, Sir; imported edible oils are being supplied to the vanaspati units through the State Trading Corporation at break-even prices.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Survey regarding the Total Demand of Vegetable Oil

1653. SHRI GHULAM MOHAMMAD KHAN:

SHRI K. MALLANNA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey of the total demand of vegetable oil in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the targets of production Government have fixed during the Fifth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the number of oilseeds processing units at present in the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) No formal survey has been conducted to assess the total demand of vegetable oils in the country, State-wise.

(b) Government have, for the Fifth Plan, fixed a target of 126 lakh tonnes for five major oilseeds. This is expected to yield approximately 35 lakh tonnes of oil.

(c) Oilseed Industry being mostly in the decentralised sector, there is no single centralised agency maintaining information on the number of oilseed processing units and their capacity, etc. However, available information indicates that there are 14,110 oil mills in the country. In addition, according to the latest live-stock census, there exist, 1,15,400 ghanis.

कपास का उचित मूल्य

1654. चौधरी हरीराम मक्कासर :
क्या वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक पूर्ति और सहकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ऐसे कदम उठा रही है जिससे काश्ताकारों को कपास का उचित मूल्य मिल सके ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी तथ्य क्या हैं ?

वाणिज्य तथा नागरिक पूर्ति और सहकारिता मंत्री (श्री मोहन धारिया) : (क) और (ख) . उपजकर्ताओं को रुई की लाभकारी कीमत मिलना सुनिश्चित करने के लिये, सरकार द्वारा कच्ची रुई की न्यूनतम

समर्थन कीमतें, घोषित की जाती हैं। भारतीय रुई निगम के लिये यह अपेक्षित है कि जब बाजार कीमतें इन न्यूनतम समर्थन कीमत स्तर से नीचे गिर जाएं तब, जहां भी आवश्यक हो, समर्थन खरीदारियां करें।

Public Distribution System

1655. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that the previous Government have virtually dismantled the public distribution system; and

(b) if so, steps, if any, being contemplated to strengthen and further expand the system?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b). The public distribution system though undermined is still functioning for wheat, rice, sugar and controlled cloth. Measures for strengthening it further and for covering more essential commodities and areas are under consideration.

Sugar Cooperative Factories in Maharashtra

1656. DR. VASANT KUMAR PANDIT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has applied for licences for twelve new Sugar Co-operative Factories;

(b) how much rebate or financial aid has been asked for by Government of Maharashtra; and

(c) the sites selected for the proposed Sugar Cooperative Factories in Maharashtra?

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THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) No, Sir. However, one application recommended by the State Government of Maharashtra has been received and it is pending consideration in the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

(b) Does not arise at this stage.

(c) The location of the proposed cooperative sugar factory as indicated in the application is Ahmednagar Tehsil.

कपड़ा मिलों के मालिकों का उत्पादन कम करने का इरादा

1657. श्री हरगोविन्द वर्मा : क्या बाणिज्य तथा नागरिक पूति और सहकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कपड़ा मिलों के मालिकों का इरादा कम उत्पादन करने का है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

बाणिज्य तथा नागरिक पूति और सहकारिता मंत्री (श्री मोहन धारिया) : (क) सरकार को ऐसे किसी इरादे की जानकारी नहीं है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

जोरापोखर में डाक कर्मचारियों को मकान किराया भत्ता

1658. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :

क्या वित्त तथा राजस्व और बैंकिंग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जोरापोखर कस्बे में सेन्ट्रल प्रभुल रिसर्व इन्स्टीट्यूट के केन्द्रीय सरकारी