

lisers valued at Rs. 8,36,000 during May, 1975 to February, 1976 to M/s. Ratnagiri Zilla S/K Vikri Sangh Limited.

(b) According to the report received from the Government of Maharashtra Ratnagiri Zilla Parishad investigated into the matter and as per the investigation report the Sangh was permitted by the State Government to use the aforesaid sub-standard fertilisers, for making mixtures by M/s. Ketan Fertilizers, 94, Surat Street, Bombay. These mixtures were sold in the State of Maharashtra, although not in Ratnagiri Zilla. The Sangh earned a commission of Rs. 20 per tonne in this transaction.

(c) On receipt of complaint about irregularities of this Sangh, Food Corporation of India and the State Government were requested to look into the matter and furnish their reports. As per the report received from Food

Corporation of India the matter is under investigation, so far as the supply by F.C.I. is concerned. The reply of the State Government is still awaited.

Licences for Sugar Industries in Gujarat

4584. SHRI AHSAN JAFRI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state whether six licences have been issued to start sugar industries in Gujarat by co-operative societies and if so, what are the dates of such issues and what is the progress?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): Yes, Sir.

A statement showing the dates of licences and the progress thereof is attached.

Statement

Licences pending implementation issued to cooperative societies in Gujarat State.

S. No.	Name of the factory	Date of licence	Date of placing order for plant and machinery	Progress regarding licence
1	2	3	4	5
1	Shri Valeed Sahakari Khand Udyog Mandi Ltd., Bulsar Distt. Bulsar.	5-1-77	7-7-76	Orders for plant and machinery have been placed with the Triveni Engineering Works (U.P.). The factory is expected to start crushing during 1977-78 season.
2	Shri Sayan Vibhag Sahakari Khand Udyog Mandi Ltd., Sayan Distt. Surat.	29-12-76	3-1-76	Orders for plant and machinery have been placed with the Indian Sugar & Genl. Engg. Works Yamunanagar (Haryana). The factory is expected to start crushing during 1977-78 season.
3	Shri Talala Taluka Sahakari Khand Udyog Mandi Ltd., Talala Distt. Junagadh	4-11-70	4-2-76	Orders for plant and machinery have been placed with the M/s. Engg. Projects (India) Limited. The factory is expected to start crushing during 1977-78 season.

1	2	3	4	5
4	Shri Siddeshwar Khand Udyog Sahakari Mandli Ltd., Talaja Distt. Bhavnagar.	19-5-76		Orders for plant and machinery not placed.
5	Shri Mahuva Pradesh Sahakari Khand Udyog Mandli Ltd., Zarbabra Distt. Surat.	3-8-74		Orders for plant and machinery not placed.
6	Shri Laxmi Cooperative Sugar Factory Ltd., Daskroi Distt. Ahmedabad.	31-10-74		Orders for plant and machinery not placed.

Production of Sugar

4585. SHRI DHARAMA VIR VASISHT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the position of sugar industry as foreign exchange earner during years 1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-77 (anticipated);

(b) the production of sugar in metric tonnes together with per cent to total product among first six chief producing States in the country;

(c) the steps, if any, taken to boost production and exports; and

(d) the reasons for reduced output during 1975-76 and steps taken to revive the rising trend in earlier years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) The position of foreign exchange earned

from export of sugar during the financial years 1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-77 is as under:—

Financial Year	Quantity (Lakh tonnes)	Value (RS. crores)
1974-75	6.24	314.34
1975-76	11.88	468.48
1976-77	5.79	150.65

(b) In 1974-75 and 1975-76 sugar years (Oct.—Sept.) the first six chief sugar producing States were Maharashtra, U.P., Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Bihar. In the sugar years 1976-77 Bihar State has, however, been replaced by Gujarat State. The sugar production in these States during the years 1974-75, 1975-76 and 1976-77 (upto 7-7-77) and its percentage to total sugar production in the country is shown in the table below:—

State	1974-75		1975-76		1976-77 (upto 7-7-77)		
	Prod. of sugar (Lakh tonnes)	%age to total production	Prod. of sugar (Lakh tonnes)	%age to total production	Prod. of sugar (Lakh tonnes)	%age to total production	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Maharashtra	15.15	31.6	16.06	37.7	15.59	32.7	
2. U.P.	14.31	29.8	11.66	27.3	14.76	31.0	
3. Andhra Pradesh	3.97	8.3	3.26	7.6	2.82	5.9	