

(c) steps so far taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) No, Sir.

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

#### Production of Oilseeds and Pulses

927. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the concrete steps which have so far been taken to increase the production of oilseeds and pulses;

(b) the demand and supply from indigenous sources at present of these items; and

(c) when Government propose to stop import of edible oil?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH FAO): (a) The following steps have been taken to increase the production of oilseeds and pulses:

- (i) Under separate centrally sponsored schemes for pulses and oilseeds, an intensive programme is under implementation in 56 districts for pulses and 90 districts for oilseeds. Among other things, these schemes aim at demonstrations on farmers fields, strengthening of seed production arrangements, expansion of plant protection measures, production of rhizobium culture and training for farmers and extension workers;
- (ii) In addition, States are undertaking pulses and oilseeds development programmes from their own funds;
- (iii) Increasing the area under short duration varieties of pulses

and oilseeds through catch cropping and inter-cropping;

(iv) Intensification of research efforts.

(b). Estimates of demand and supply of pulses and oilseeds from indigenous sources at present are not yet available.

(c) Vigorous efforts are being made to increase the production of oilseeds in the country. The decision to stop import of edible oils can be taken only when the gap between demand and supply is bridged.

#### Temporary Telephone Connection in Delhi

928. SHRI NAVIN RAVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many temporary telephone connections exist at present in Delhi and minimum as well as maximum period for which such connections exist;

(b) whether Government have proposed to make all such temporary connections into permanent lines beyond certain period of its existence; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to consider such a proposal?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) Total number of temporary telephone connections working in Delhi Telephones is 2112. The minimum and maximum period for such connections is 3 months and 9 years 4 months.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.