

(SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The IP has been experimenting with materials such as molasses for production of proteins. Their experiments so far on bench scale model show promise. However, considerable amount of further studies is required before the process can be taken up for commercialization.

Purchase of Insecticides and Pesticides by D.G.S. & D. for N.M.E.P.

6029. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that D.G.S.&D. has not purchased insecticides and pesticides for N.M.E.P. since last two years;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) the present policy for the purchase of insecticides and pesticides for N.M.E.P. Programme?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No Sir.

The insecticides like DDT, Paris Green, Temophos, Fenthion, Pyrethrum based emulsifiable Larvicidal oil etc. are being procured. Only BHC 50 per cent and Malathion 25 per cent has not been purchased since last two years.

(b) As the question of shelf-life of 24/12 months for BHC 50 per cent/Malathion 25 per cent was required to be sorted out with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Indian Standard Institution, Central Insecticides Board, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers and the manufacturing firms, the procurement of BHC/Malathion has not been made since last two years.

(c) All types of insecticides/pesticides required for N.M.E.P. are being procured and the procurement of

BHC 50 per cent/Malathion 25 per cent by DGS&D will be taken up after finalising the question regarding shelf-life in consultation with other concerned Departments of the Government.

Purchase of Stores by D.G.S.&D.

6030. SHRI PRATAP BHANU SHARMA: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of purchases made by the Directorate General of Supply and Disposal during 1979-80 for the stores required under the Central Government Purchase Programme;

(b) the value of the stores purchased from SSI units of the country;

(c) whether price preference consideration was given to SSI units; and

(d) what is the percentage for price preference to SSI units in comparison to big industries?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE):

(a) Total purchases:—

	Rs. 965.66 Crores.	}*
Indigenous:—	Rs. 925.56 Crores.	

(b) Rs. 119.09 Crores.*

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Up to 15 per cent.

*Figures are provisional.

Promotion of Surveyors in Ganga Basin Water Resources Organisation

6031. SHRI R. P. DAS: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for promotion of the Surveyors who are working in the Ganga Basin Water Resources Organisation for the last ten years; and