

(ग) इसके रख-रखाव पर 1978-79 तथा 1979-80 साल में क्रमशः 2060 रुपये तथा 2557 रुपये व्यय हुए।

Availability of Sugar on Global Basis

5561. SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food and Agriculture Organisation have made any projection in regard to the availability of sugar on a global basis during the current year and the next three years;

(b) the details of such projections made by them; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government for augmenting sugar availability or revisions in our planning based on global projections received?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (KUMARI KAMLA KUMARI): (a) and (b) In their bulletin titled 'Food Outlook' published on 23th January, 1981, the Food and Agriculture Organisation indicated that the world production of sugar in 1980-81 would be around 86.6 million tons raw value, which is 2 million tons above the 1979-80 crop and 4.2 million tons below the level of the preceding year.

As per projections made by the Food and Agriculture Organisation in May, 1978, the world sugar output and consumption were estimated to reach, respectively, 110.2 million metric tons and 107.4 million metric tons in 1985.

(c) Government have already taken a package of measures for augmenting sugar production. These include:

(i) increase in the statutory minimum sugarcane price payable by sugar factories;

(ii) incentives for early start of crushing operations by factories;

(iii) revival of incentives for newly established factories and expansion projects; and

(iv) imposition of (a) a levy on khandsari production, (b) restrictions on the working of khandsari units and (c) a higher Excise Duty on khandsari to reduce diversion of cane from sugar factories to other uses.

Houses for rural poor in Goa

5562. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses to be provided to the rural poor in Goa in 1981, Taluka-wise; and

(b) the target set for the Sixth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) and (b). Information has been called for from the Goa Administration and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Auto Exchange Building at Sambalpur (Orissa)

5563. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have sanctioned some amount for the construction of an auto exchange building at Sambalpur;

(b) whether the construction work of the building has not so far commenced; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by Government to start early construction of the building?