

Depots of Imported edible oil in Northern India

3096. SHRI G. L. DOGRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation has its depots of edible imported oil at various places in Northern India;

(b) whether the edible oil is allotted to various vanaspati ghee manufacturing units in Northern India from Kandla and that too on weekly instalments on f.o.r. basis;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact, that this system has been working to the advantage of corrupt officials and unscrupulous industrialists; and

(d) will the Government consider allotment of oil from S.T.C. godown in Northern India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). In addition to supplies from Northern depots, the oil is supplied at ex-Depot price to Northern vanaspati units on weekly basis from Kandla. The road freight is reimbursed, as per a formula. The position of availability of imported oil at the up-country depots as well as at port towns is constantly reviewed and the allocation is made accordingly. However, due to operational constraints, it has not been possible to give the whole of allocations of imported oil to Northern vanaspati units from depots in North India. No specific complaint of corruption in the present arrangement is in the notice of Government.

Visit to Canadian International Development agency to Andhra Pradesh for Developing social Forestry

3097. SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Canadian International Development Agency has visited Andhra Pradesh State to see the possibilities of developing social forestry; and

(b) if so, the results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION: (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Project Planning Mission from the Canadian International Development Agency visited Andhra Pradesh State in the month of March, 1981 to identify project possibilities in the field of Social Forestry. They visited some representative areas and discussed the possibilities of a viable social forestry project with the State Officers. The Mission was satisfied that a Social Forestry Project for Andhra Pradesh was feasible. Accordingly, a Social Forestry Project for Andhra Pradesh is under preparation for appraisal by the Canadian International Development Agency.

Promotion of Rural Development Schemes

3098. SHRI A. A. RAHIM: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank/UNDP have asked for some definite proposals for promotion of rural development schemes in the country;

(b) what are the specific proposals for development of Rural Employment Schemes, under consideration of the Government;