

के उत्तर के संबंध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या खान उद्योग में प्रदूषण की रोकथाम के उपायों के बारे में जानकारी इस बीच एकत्र कर ली गई है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो तत्संबंधी ड्यूरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इस सम्बन्ध में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ?

संसदीय कार्य तथा निर्माण और आवास मंत्रों (श्री श्रीव्य नारायण सिंह) :

(क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) अपेक्षित सूचना की अभी तक प्रतीक्षा की जा रही है ।

Expansion of operation flood programme

124. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH CHAUDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to expand operation flood programme and cover more cities under it;

(b) whether it is also proposed to develop selected milk districts and milk towns in all the States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (c). The Operation Flood II project will cover about 155 milk shed districts which will be linked with about 148 cities and towns having a population of more than one lakh each. The project is intended to benefit ten million farm families and will cover a national milk herd of about fifteen million cross-bred cows and upgraded buffaloes.

Procurement of wheat

125. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the onset of the monsoon wheat arrivals in mandis has declined sharply indicating that even the lower procurement targets may not be achieved;

(b) is it also a fact that judging by the current trend of market arrivals which has dropped to about 6000 tonnes a day in the month of July, it was difficult to procure even 6.5 million tonnes even;

(c) if so, what are the major reasons for this low procurement;

(d) whether the Government had made elaborate arrangements for the wheat procurements this year in order to replenish its old stocks of wheat;

(e) whether even after taking these measures, the wheat procurement has been very poor; and

(f) if so what steps Government proposes to take to meet the shortage of wheat during the current year?

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

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e). To replenish the stocks, the Government, as in the past, had made elaborate arrangements for the procurement of wheat. Although the quantity of 6.5 million tonnes procured so far in the current season may be less than the target envisaged it is much higher than that in 1980-81 season.

The main reasons for low procurement of wheat viz-a-viz target can be attributed to offers of higher price by trade as compared to procurement price fixed by the Government and

withholding of wheat stocks by traders and producers.

(f) The Government propose to meet the shortfall in procurement through the current stocks and minimum necessary imports.

Shortage of Vanaspati, Desi Ghee, Butter Oil, Soap and Coal

126. SHRI B. V. DESAI;

SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH
CHAUDHURY;

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was acute shortage of Vanaspati and Desi Ghee, Butter Oil, Soap and Coal through out the country in the month of June and July, 1981;

(b) if so, what were the main reasons for the same;

(c) what action Government took in providing these essential commodities in the country;

(d) whether even after these steps shortage continued and the people had to suffer because of this; and

(e) what were the reasons for the shortage and by what time Government are confident to remove the shortage of essential commodities in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI BRAJA MOHAN MOHANTY): (a) to (e). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Flood control and relief measures

127. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that flood control and relief measures cost the

exchequer Rs. 394.82 crores during the year 1980-81;

(b) if so whether the amount includes Rs. 229.20 crores given to the States as Central assistance to flood relief;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the extent of flood control during the year 1979 and 1980 was Rs. 150 crores and Rs. 171.94 crores respectively;

(d) if so, what is the total amount that has been provided for flood control measures in the current year;

(e) how much out of it has been so far spent;

(f) whether Government are considering to have flood control measure by which the flood control can be checked; and

(g) if so, what measures are being considered during the Sixth Five Year Plan for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The expenditure on flood control works during 1978-79 and 1979-80 was Rs 172 crores and Rs. 158 crores respectively.

(d) An outlay of Rs. 167.29 crores has been approved by Planning Commission for 1981-82;

(e) Expenditure figures for flood control works during the current year will be available from State Government after the end of the financial year. a

(f) and (g). Flood control being a State subject, measures to control floods are planned, investigated and implemented by the State Governments to provide protection to their respective flood prone areas. The flood control measures generally consist of embankments, drainage channels, anti-erosion and river training