

(c) The Government is taking necessary steps to increase rice productivity to bring it on par with some of the World's high rice producing countries like Japan and China. Some of the improved varieties of rice tested in Farmers' field have given 7 tonnes and more in National demonstrations under irrigated conditions. Research and developmental efforts are underway to develop and adopt improved varieties and production technology not only for the well managed lands but also for the problem areas which pose the major constraint. These efforts are expected to produce more and more rice in future.

#### Imported refined Oil for Delhi

2486. SHRI G. NARSIMHA REDDY:

SHRI BHIKU RAM JAIN:

SHRI NAVIN RAVANI:

SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to cater in Delhi imported refined oil is a supplement to Vanaspati;

(b) what is the base for production for this oil and whether this is already in use in West and if so, the countries where it is in vogue;

(c) whether in addition to imports Government have taken step to augment production of oil seed within the country; and

(d) what quality control methods will be used to ensure that utiliser are not able to adulterate it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF): (a) and (b). 2 Kg and 4 Kg. consumer packs of RBM palmolein and refined rapeseed,

oil are being sold by M/s. Ganesh Flour Mills a company taken over by Government for management under the Industries (Development and Regulation Act) through the Super Bazar and cooperative societies in Delhi. These oils are based respectively on palm fruit and rapeseed. They are used in many countries including the western countries.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Adulteration of any oil with vanaspati is an offence under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954.

#### Consumption of Fertilizers

2487. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the use of fertilizers in the country has declined considerably during the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) if not, what was the consumption of fertilizer in 1977-78 and 1978-79; and

(d) the percentage of increase or decline in the use of fertilizers both in 1979-80 and 1980-81?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The consumption of fertilizers in 1977-78 and 1978-79 was 42.85 lakh tonnes and 51.16 lakh tonnes of nutrients respectively.

(d) The percentage increase in fertiliser consumption in 1979-80 and 1980-81 was 2.7 and 4.9 per cent respectively over the relevant previous year.