

(b) There have been no dacoities/robberies in the branches of public sector banks in Gujarat during the period 1.1.82 to 30.9.82.

(c) All the public sector banks have been instructed to tighten the security measures within their premises. Detailed instructions have also been issued by the Government to public sector banks regarding the specific additional security measures that should be taken by them. Government have also set up a high powered committee to review the security arrangements in banks.

Demand and Production of edible and refined oils

1043. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual demand of edible oils and refined oil in the country;

(b) what is the annual production of edible oils and refined oils in the country;

(c) what steps are being taken to meet the increasing demand of edible oils in the country;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up a National Oilseeds Development Project; and

(e) if so, by when and what are the main functions of the said project and how it will be helpful to solve the edible oil problem?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI MUHAMMED USMAN ARIF):

(a) and (b) During the past few years the demand for edible oils in the country has been around 38 lakh tonnes per annum, whereas indigenous production has varied between 24 and 27 lakh tonnes per annum.

(c) To ensure improved availability of edible oils and meet the gap between demand and supply, several long-term and short-term measures have been adopted by the Govern-

ment. Briefly stated, the following steps are being taken by the Government:—

(i) Intensive programme for increasing production and productivity of traditional and non-traditional oilseeds and oils;

(ii) Planned efforts to maximise exploitation of the untapped potential of the oilseeds;

(iii) Policy of announcing support prices for oilseeds;

(iv) Import of adequate quantity of edible oils;

(v) Enforcement of storage control orders and other enactments to regulate trade in oilseeds and oils.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) With a view to increasing the production of oilseeds, a three-year project (1982-83 to 1984-85) is proposed to be undertaken. This project will include expansion of area under oilseeds crops and adoption of package of practices in their cultivation by providing incentives to farmers.

Firing by Pak Army on Indian Borders

1044. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:

DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL
KOCHACK:

SHRI B. D. SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan Army personnel resorted to unprovoked firing on the Indian Border at three different places in the Mendhar Sector of the Poonch border area on 31st August, 1982;