

(c) The number of samples analysed by the Directorate of Vanaspati, Vegetable Oils and Fats were as under:

1980	..	3261
1981	..	3091
1982	..	4330

None of these samples failed on account of containing tallow.

(d) and (e). Pursuant to this news item enquiries were made. However, no such case of use of tallow in vanaspati has come to the notice of Government. The officers of the Directorate of Vanaspati carry out inspection of the manufacturers' premises, analysis of samples and conduct market surveys, to ensure that vanaspati conforms to specifications.

#### Effect of Natural Calamities on States Economy

4798. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the successive visitation of natural calamities has severely crippled the economy of some States resulting in heavy drainage of resources both under Plan as well as non-Plan sectors;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the entire margin money has been exhausted; and

(c) if so, whether the State Governments have urged Central Government to meet the entire requirement of funds projected for repair and restoration of the damages which is the minimum necessity is consistent with the magnitude of devastation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Natural calamities visit one part of the country or the other almost every year. It is not possible to stop them from

occurring. Government can take only mitigating action by extending assistance to the States in accordance with the approved scheme of financing the relief expenditure. This assistance is for relief and rehabilitation of the affected people;

(b) and (c) Margin money is available to the States in their Budget every year and is meant for meeting emergency requirements of relief. Requirements of the States projected by them are scrutinised by the Central Teams. While determining the quantum of Central assistance account is taken of this resource available with the States.

#### Opening of Community Centre in Rural Areas

4799. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any community centres have been opened by Government during the past three years in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the names of the villages State-wise where they have been opened each year separately for each States and the pattern of activities for these centres;

(c) whether any more demands have been received by Government for opening them;

(d) if so, whether some of them have been sanctioned and are likely to be opened soon; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI HARINATHA MISRA): (a) to (e). There is no Central scheme for opening rural community centres and no demand for such centres has