

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) :

(a) -and (b) : Yes, Sir. A number of experiments have been conducted in the country for improving pulse production through the application of biofertilizers. As a result of these research efforts, it has been possible to prepare a 'Rhizobial Map' of the country which indicates the extent of the natural occurrence of these micro-organisms in respect of the major pulse crops. Techniques like pelleting of rhizobia with calcium Carbonate for increasing their shelf life and treatments for application of rhizobia in problematic soils have been developed. Experiments at a majority of the places in the country have shown that a yield advantage of 20 to 40% can be obtained through application of appropriate strains of rhizobial cultures. However, for achieving success with bio-fertilizers, their quality control remains the most important factor.

Self-Sufficiency in Sugar

2210. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether steps have been taken by Government to meet country's requirement of sugar by domestic production ;

(b) If so, the year by which country's requirement of sugar can be met ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to become self-sufficient in sugar ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (DR. M.S. SANJEEVI RAO) : (a) to (c) : By and large, India has achieved self-sufficiency for its requirement of sugar

for domestic consumption. However, in certain years there have been decline in sugar production mainly due to agro-climatic factors. The various Five-Year Plans have envisaged a planned growth of the sugar sector to cater for the increasing needs of sugar for domestic consumption as well as for export.

To increase and sustain the production of sugar, payment of remunerative cane prices to the growers by the sugar factories is being ensured. Moreover, to enable the sugar factories to liquidate the cane price arrears expeditiously, suitable measures have been taken to improve the financial position of the factories, for example (i) credit facilities are being made available to the sugar factories by the banking sector on liberal basis ; (ii) under buffer stock scheme factories are getting subsidy towards holding cost besides 100 per cent credit on buffer stock quantity ; and (iii) under the incentive scheme, new factories/ expansion projects are being given the benefit of higher freesale quota coupled with excise duty concession, etc., (iv) Licences for new sugar projects as well as substantial expansion in existing projects are also being granted to increase the utilization of sugarcane by the organised sector.

Allottees Withdrawn from SFS (Malaviya Nagar) Due to Abnormal Delay in Giving Them Possession of Flats

2211. SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN : will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the draw for flats in the Malaviya Nagar Extension Self-Financing scheme of DDA was held sometime in February, 1981 but the allottees are yet to get possession of flats despite the fact that they have paid the instalments towards the cost of the flats ;

(b) whether because of the failure of DDA to provide flats within a reasonable time and abnormal rise in the