

Permission Sought by Andhra Pradesh to Destroy Forest Between Velacote dam and Ponnaru River

2075. SHRI D.S.A. SIVAPRAKASHAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have south permission to destroy Government forest laying between Velacote Dam and Ponnaru river in order to dig Telegu-Ganga cannal;

(b) the date when the request was received; and

(c) whether permission was given; if so, on what date and if not, the reason thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDR AMAKWANA): (a) and (b) A proposal for release of 9937 hectares of forest land for the Telgu-Ganga Project was received on 3rd March, 1984 from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Since this is a major Project which requires clearance from the environmental angle, the State Govern-

ment has been advised to obtain such clearance from the Central Department of Environment. Besides, the proposal of the State Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 being incomplete additional information has been sought from the State Government.

Consumption of Vanaspati

2076. SHRI AMRIT PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the state-wise trend in consumption of vanaspati as indicated by the manufacturer's dispatches of vanaspati to various States since 1977 and when large scale supply of low price imported edible oil to the industry began; and

(b) whether subsidised vanaspati is largely consumed in small area of North India?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (DR. M.S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) A statement is attached.

(b) As will be evident from the enclosed statement, vanaspati is consumed all over the country.

Statement

State-wise Consumption (Despatches) of Vanaspati during the last 6 years. (Financial Year-wise)

States	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Delhi	50,278	52,102	54,739	57,464	69,211	73,081
Haryana	30,645	31,756	33,427	36,819	41,073	47,052
J & K	2,198	2,278	2,398	4,666	9,704	13,215
Punjab	73,596	76,162	80,171	96,383	1,07,330	1,06,817