

(b) If so, the amount granted State-wise during 1974 and 1975?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Schemes for drinking water for the rural areas are in the State Sector for the Fifth Five Year Plan period.

(b) Does not arise.

Release of Levy Sugar

737. SHRI S. M. BANERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided for further release of levy sugar into market; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b). The Government of India have been releasing a quantity of 2.05 lakh tonnes of levy sugar per month, for distribution to the consumers through fair price shops, since January, 1976. In view of the limited availability of levy sugar during this year, due to decline in sugar production, it has not been possible to step up the quantum of levy sugar release.

Production of Vanaspati

738. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of vanaspati during the last six months; and

(b) what is the target for this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) The production of vanaspati during the six months

from January to June, 1976 was 2.89 lakh tonnes.

(b) The level of production is governed by various factors such as demand for vanaspati, its availability, price level etc. Production in 1976 is expected to be around 5.5 lakh tonnes.

Long Term contract between Mills and D.G.S.&D.

739. SHRI ISHAQUE SAMBHALI: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting took place in Calcutta recently to explore the possibilities of having a long term contract between the mills and the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposal on the sale of the B Twills; and

(b) if so, the outcome of this meeting?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The discussions were not conclusive.

Per Capita Expenditure on Engineering Courses

740. SHRI YAMUNA PRASAD MANDAL: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out the per capita expenditure on Engineering Courses in the country; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) and (b). The Institute of Applied Manpower Research made a study of per student expenditure in Indian Insti-

utes of Technology and some 40 selected Engineering Colleges and 82 Polytechnics for the years 1968-69 and 1971-72. The per capita expenditure for undergraduate and post-graduate courses in the years 1968-69 and

1971-72 in the Indian Institutes of Technology, Roorkee University, Jadavpur University, Regional Engineering Colleges, other Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics as stated in the IAMR report are given below:—

(Figures in Rupees)

	1968—69		1971—72	
	Under-Graduate	Post-Graduate	Under-Graduate	Post-Graduate
IITs	5511	10368	6794	10643
Roorkee University	3543	8587	5670	11306
Jadavpur University	4346	8667	7251	14560
Regional Engineering Colleges	2460	.	3456	
Other Colleges	3290	7395	4772	9832
		Diploma Courses		Diploma Courses
Polytechnics	1774			2476

Conference on Farm Strategy

741 SHRI S R DAMANI

SHRI ARJUN SETHI

SHRI N E HORO

SHRI R N BARMAN

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH
GILL

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state

(a) the main features of the new farm strategy emerging out of recent discussions with State Governments,

(b) the modalities which have been worked out for its implementation; and

(c) minimum production aimed at for major cereals and cash crops during the next four or five years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL) (a) to (c) As indicated in the Annual Plan, 1976-77, brought out by the Planning Commission, the main elements in the strategy for promoting agricultural growth and achieving the targets of production are a step-up in the consumption of fertilisers, increase in the area under irrigation, introduction of high yielding varieties on a more extensive scale and adoption of soil conservation. The main focus of the discussions held between the Union Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Chief Ministers/Agriculture Ministers of various States dur-