

field station of the Indian Grain Storage Institute, Hapur has already been set up at Ludhiana. The main functions of this Institute are to carry out applied research on various aspects of foodgrains storage and preservation including designing and development of improved types of storage structures; and training of trainees in the field of storage and preservation of foodgrains.

2. A regional office of the Save Grain Campaign being implemented by the Department of Food has been set up at Chandigarh recently. It aims at reduction of storage losses by educating the farmers, traders and other agencies engaged in handling and storage of foodgrains through training, demonstration, publicity etc. Improved type of storage structures of small sizes are made available to farmers etc. under this schemes on easy credit basis.

Manufacture of Citric Acid from Sugar and Molasses

2027. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Sugar Institute has developed a process for manufacturing citric acid from sugar and molasses;

(b) whether the process has been proved very successful; and

(c) if so, facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAH-NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Laboratory scale experiments have been carried out on the production of Citric Acid from sugar at National Sugar Institute, Kanpur. Similar experiments on the production of Citric Acid from molasses are in progress.

(b) and (c). The success of the process can be properly judged only after Pilot Plant Scale Trials are carried out. The Institute is yet to make a proposal for setting up a pilot plant for this purpose.

Integrated Housing Scheme in Orissa

2028. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed and allotted to the homeless persons under the integrated housing scheme in Orissa; and

(b) whether the Central Government has issued directives that consideration should be given for permanently resettling those who lost houses in the floods?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH): (a) Upto the end of July, 1976, 2932 houses have been constructed in Orissa under the Integrated Housing Scheme. Out of these, 2869 houses have been allotted to the homeless persons.

(b) No directives have been issued by the Government of India in this regard.

Groundnut Crops and its Price

2029. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a bumper crop of groundnut this year;

(b) if so, the figures of production, State-wise;

(c) the price at which groundnut is sold in States; and