

**COLOUR SPECIFICATION FOR VANASPATI INDUSTRY**

572. SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM:  
SHRI C. MUTHUSAMI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fixation of a new colour specification for the vanaspati industry by the Vegetable Oil Product Controller for India has posed a threat to the cotton seed crushing industry;

(b) the percentage of the total cotton seed oil supplied to the vanaspati manufacturers by the cotton seed crushing industry; and

(c) the adverse repercussions of the implementation of the decision of the Vegetable Oil Products Controller regarding the new colour specifications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE):

(a) The maximum colour limit for vanaspati recently notified has since been withdrawn, pending resolution of the technological difficulties reported to be standing in the way of larger quantities of cottonseed oil being used in the production of vanaspati conforming to the prescribed colour limit.

(b) About 90 per cent in 1967.

(c) Does not arise.

**ACCUMULATION OF MAIZE IN PUNJAB**

573. SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM:  
Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report in the *Times of India* of the 13th January, 1968 regarding huge stocks of maize purchased by the Food Corporation of India having been accumulated in the mandis of Punjab;

(b) if so, whether most of the stocks are lying in the open for want of storage facilities and shortage of wagons and has got damaged; and

(c) the details of loss suffered by the Food Corporation of India as a result thereof and the factors responsible for the failure of the Corporation to provide storage facilities and to move these stocks to the deficit areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE):  
(a) to (c). The information is being collected from the Food Corporation of India and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**PRODUCTION OF HYBRID SEEDS**

574. SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM:  
SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of hybrid seed commodity-wise produced in the Government and private farms during the last two years; and

(b) the demand of hybrid seeds in the country during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE):  
(a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be placed at the table of the House as soon as it is received.

**BOMBAY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

575. SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM:  
SHRI C. C. DESAI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a press