

examined carefully and will be implemented to the extent it is practicable and in accordance with the broad national haj spolicy and the norms of haj management finalised by the Government for each haj.

(c) The number of pilgrims from Kerala during Haj-98 was 5373.

Rushkulya System, Orissa

1825. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the modernisation work of the main and 10th distributory of Rushkulya system in Orissa is likely to be completed during 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) No Sir. The modernisation work of the main and 10th distributory of Rushkula System in Orissa is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2001-2002.

Chemical CIPC

1826. SHRI MAHBOOB ZAHEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state:

(a) whether the Chemical CIPC (Chloro Iso Propyl Carbonate) is used world over to prevent sprouting of potatoes in stores;

(b) whether any study has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the findings thereof;

(d) the names of agencies given licences for formulation and import of CIPC to tide over recent potato gluts and the price crashes; and

(e) whether the Government are considering formation of Potato Board at National level for better coordination between different agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHIR SOMPAL): (a) CIPC is the most common sprout suppressant used all over the World to prevent sprouting of potatoes during high temperature storage.

(b) and (c) Experiments conducted by Central Potato Research Instt. (CPRI), Shimla during the last 10 years have shown that CIPC is effective in suppressing sprout growth in potatoes stored at higher temperatures (20-25 c°).

(d) National Dairy Development Board, New Delhi Imports a limited quantity of CIPC for treating stored potatoes.

(e) There is no proposal under consideration for the formation of Potato Board at National level.

[Translation]

Setting up of TV Towers at Kannaud and Khategaon Tehsil in Madhya Pradesh

1827. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating any action on the demand of the people of Kannaud and Khategaon Tehsils in Dewas District of Madhya Pradesh to set up a T.V. Tower;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to conduct any survey in this regard; and

(d) the details of action taken in the matter and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI MUKHTAR NAQVI): (a) to (d) At present, there is no approved scheme for setting up of any TV transmitters in Dewas District. However, most parts of Dewas District lie in coverage range of High Power Transmitters (HPTs) functioning at Bhopal and Indore. It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to extend its service to uncovered parts throughout the country in a phased manner subject to availability of location, funds, infrastructural facilities, resultant coverage and inter se priorities.

Food Processing Industries in the Country

1828. SHRI PRABHASH CHANDRA TIWARI:

SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH:

DR. MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL:

SHRI SURENDRA PRASAD YADAV
(JAHANABAD):

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any study to promote the food processing industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of food processing units set up in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) the investment made for setting up such units and the extent of foreign investment made out of the total investment in this sector State-wise; and

(e) the number of people likely to get jobs in these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) No comprehensive study has been conducted. However, Government has been providing financial assistance to