

statutory price control and for which allocation is made to State Governments, Union Territory Administrations and Tea Board (North-East) The availability of urea in the country during current Kharif 1996 season, so far, has been satisfactory and no reports of shortages of urea have been received from any State except from Jammu and Kashmir. The Government of Jammu and Kashmir approached this Department for supply of urea on priority to the State on the 17th July, 1996.

(c) To provide urea to the farmers on time, the Government of India monitors supplies of urea to each State on a regular basis. Two rakes of urea have been despatched to Jammu and Kashmir: one on 18th and the other on 23rd July, 1996 to improve its availability in the State.

[English]

#### Violation of Environmental Laws

2155. SHRI N. DENNIS :  
SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received complaints from the States for violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Environment (Protection) Act 1986 in setting up of the developmental projects:

(b) if so, the details thereof.

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon, and

(d) the programme evolved by the Government to preserve the environmental without affecting the developmental activities.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Broad Gauge Link between Bhuj to Gandhidham

2156 SHRI PS. GADHAVI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Bhuj with Gandhidham or broad gauge rail line:

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the time by which the construction is likely to be taken up and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work is already included in the budget.

(c) The work will be taken up shortly and completed in 1997-98 as per present indications.

#### Rail Link to State Capitals

2157. SHRI HARIN PATHAK :  
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any policy of the Government to connect all the State Capitals with the railway lines:

(b) whether any survey has been undertaken in this regard:

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). In this direction, construction of Kumarghat-Agartala new line has already been included in Budget 96-97 for connecting Agartala - the Capital of Tripura, Updating survey from Harmuti to Itanagar-the capital of Arunachal Pradesh, and for Diphu to Karong, as the first phase of the line to Imphal-the capital of Manipur have also been included in the Budget.

#### Sugarcane Production

2158. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :  
SHRI SOHAN BEER :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a glut of sugarcane production this year:

(b) if so, the comparative cane production figures during the earlier two years and the current year, State-wise:

(c) whether farmers are suffering due to delay in lifting of sugarcane by the sugar mills; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to obviate sufferings of the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). The production of sugarcane increased sharply from 229.66 million tonnes in 1993-94 to 271.23 million tonnes in 1994-95 and is likely to be 267.38 million tonnes during 1995-96. A statement showing state-wise production of sugarcane during these three years is enclosed.

(c) and (d). The sugar mills, in the sugar season 1995-96 have crushed far more cane than any of the

previous years. Upto 31.5.1996 nearly 1505 lakh tonnes of sugarcane had been crushed as against nearly 1476 lakh tonnes crushed for the whole year in the previous season 1994-95, which was a record production year till then. Even after 31.5.1996 many sugar mills were continuing their crushing operation.

In order to enable the sugar factories to crush the available cane and to improve the liquidity of sugar mills, the Government have taken various measures like grant of incentives for late crushing, creation of buffer stocks and permission for export of sugar. Reserve Bank of India has also given more relaxation to sugar factories for availing of higher credit limits against sugar stocks.

### STATEMENT

#### *Sugarcane Production in India*

(In thousand tonnes)

State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96 (Advance)
Andhra Pradesh	13474.2	15991.2	14349
Assam	1373.9	1505.0	1514
Bihar	4397.9	5667.3	5667
Goa	71.4	53.7	
Gujarat	10232.0	10785.0	9800
Haryana	6420.0	7010.0	7500
Himachal Pradesh	26.1	26.1	26
Jammu & Kashmir	11.2	11.2	10
Karnataka	26602.9	30325.1	27560
Kerala	447.9	448.8	500
Madhya Pradesh	1084.0	1511.0	2000
Maharashtra	27891.5	44260.3	44280
Manipur	58.8	58.8	
Meghalaya	2.3	2.1	
Mizoram	5.7	7.6	
Nagaland	193.4	125.0	
Orissa	781.0	1198.6	1199
Punjab	4710.0	5156.0	9180
Rajasthan	1020.0	986.9	958
Tamil Nadu	25991.8	35236.0	28400
Tripura	72.2	72.2	
Uttar Pradesh	104081.6	109907.7	112839
West Bengal	542.4	648.9	1052
A and N Islands	4.4	4.4	
Pondicherry	162.7	225.8	550*
All India	229659.3	271228.7	267384

Note : \* = Others

[Translation]

### Greater Nainital Lake Region Integrated Project

2159. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :  
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received an amended proposal for Greater Nainital Lake Region Integrated Project for grant of the financial assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken so far thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh have submitted a proposal for the conservation of Nainital Lake at an estimated cost of Rs. 40.25 crores under the proposed National Lake Conservation Plan. The proposal includes schemes for catchment area conservation, collection and disposal of city sewage, solid waste management, desilting and face lifting of the lake, limnological studies and public awareness.

(c) Considering the nature and scope of the proposed project, it has been recommended for support under bilateral assistance programme.

### Suspension of Trains

2160. SHRI CHUN CHUN PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that train service has been discontinued on Bhagalpur-Mandar hill rail line in Bihar due to the damage caused by floods at many places to the said rail line in September last; and

(b) if so, the position of repair work of the said rail line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Train services on the section have been resorted from 1-7-96.

[English]

### Allotment of Stalls

2161. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the number of Snack bars/Tea/Book Stalls allotted by Government during the last three years;