

Change of location of Co-operative Sugar Factory from Khata Amba

1121. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Minister for change of location of the proposed Co-operative Sugar factory from Khata Amba to Sadakpur; and

(b) if so, the action taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Government of Gujarat has requested the Central Government to change the location of M/s. Kaveri Vibhag Sahakari Khand Udyog Mandli Ltd. from Khata Amba to Sadakpur, Taluka Chikhli, Distt. Valsad. The High Court of Gujarat has restrained the Chief Director of Sugar from taking any final decision in the matter.

Functioning of Dhubri TV relay Centre

1122. SHRI NURUL ISLAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dhubri T.V. Relay Centre has not been functioning properly ever since its installation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir. The low power (100 W) TV transmitter operating at Dhubri is reported to be functioning normally and providing satisfactory service within its coverage area subject to local terrain conditions.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Fixing up of the price for Molasses

1123. SHRI M. BAGA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have fixed the price for molasses;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if the price of molasses is not increased, whether it will cause losses to sugar industry as well as the sugarcane growers;

(c) whether the Government are considering to rationalise the price structure by increasing the molasses price; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) At present the prescribed maximum selling price of molasses produced in sugar factories ranges from Rs. 7.20 to Rs. 12.00 per 100 kg., depending on the grade. These prices are reviewed from time to time in the light of relevant techno-economic considerations. However, as molasses is only a by-product, its price does not have a significant bearing on the economics of sugar industry.

[Translation]

Police officers on deputation to CBI

1124. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several police officers are still working in the Central Bureau of Investigation even after the expiry of their deputation period;

(b) if so, the number of such officers and the reasons for their continuance; and