

- (iii) The repayment of the principal amount of the Loan in semi-annual instalments is payable on each March 1 and September 1 commencing March 1, 1988 and ending September 1, 2002.

[*Translation*]

**Production of Copper in Madhya Pradesh**

1274. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of ore extracted every year from the Malanjkhand Copper mines in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) whether the copper processing is being carried out in Khetri (Rajasthan) instead of Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to produce copper in Madhya Pradesh itself; and
- (e) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Production of ore from Malanjkhand Copper Mines during the last three years was as follows:

	<i>(Million tonnes/year)</i>
1988-89 . . . . .	1.90
1989-90 . . . . .	2.00
1990-91 . . . . .	2.08

- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) There is adequate smelting capacity at the existing smelter of Hindustan Copper Ltd. at Khetri.
- (d) At present there is no proposal to set up a smelter to produce copper in Madhya Pradesh.
- (e) Does not arise.

**Growing Fruits and Vegetables in Bihar**

1275. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to bring more area under fruit and vegetable cultivation in Bihar; and
- (b) if so, the details of the schemes proposed to be launched in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) State Government has proposed the following projects to bring more area under fruit and vegetable cultivation in Bihar:—

- (i) Development and strengthening of nurseries in Bihar;
- (ii) Development of minor fruits in Bihar;
- (iii) Development of betel-vine cultivation in Bihar;
- (iv) Cultivation and processing of Makhana in Bihar.

[*English*]

**Exploitation of Sulphur Mineral Deposits in Rajgir (Bihar)**

1276. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are several hot water springs in Rajgir (Bihar);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government have also discovered sulphur mine deposits in Rajgir; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/being taken for their exploitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) 17 occurrences of hot springs have