

[English]

**Supply of coal to Cement
Manufacturers**

3463. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cement manufacturers have requested the Government for increase in supply of coal to them; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Steps are being taken by the Government to increase production and despatch of coal with a view to improve its availability to all consumers including cement plants. Despatches to cement plants are monitored every week, and efforts are made to make up deficiencies wherever they arise.

Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh

3464. SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the details of the irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh which were cleared by the Union Government during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): Only one project of Andhra Pradesh namely Singur Irrigation project was given investment clearance by the Planning Commission in April, 1989 for an estimated cost of Rs. 104.36 crores during the last three years.

**Supply of 'DHARA' Through Public
Distribution System**

3465. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANIELWAL:
SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have any proposal to distribute the popular edible oil 'Dhara' through the Public Distribution System throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the production of edible oil 'Dhara' by the National Dairy Development Board is sufficient enough to be distributed through the Public Distribution System;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to make 'Dhara' available in Super Bazar and kendriya Bhandars in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Government does not have any plan to distribute Dhara through the Public Distribution System.

(c) and (d). Does not arise as the terms and conditions for market intervention operations by NDDB do not envisage distribution of oil procured by NDDB through the public distribution system.

(e) At present Dhara is being sold through some of the super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar outlets in Delhi. This is in addition to the quantity sold through the

booths of NDDB's Fruit and Vegetable Project and the regular retail network.

Prime Minister's visit to Germany

3466. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to states:

(a) whether the Prime Minister visited Germany recently; and

(b) if so, the objectives of the visit and the outcome in concrete terms?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI):

(a) Yes, Sir. from 5-7 Sep., 91

(b) The main objectives of the visit and its outcome have been elaborated in the suo moto statement by the Prime Minister in the Lok Sabha on 13th Sept., 91.

Performance of Co-operative Sector

3467. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to undertake any comprehensive measures to boost the performance of Co-operative Sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Brahma Prakash Committee has submitted its report; and

(d) if so, the main recommendations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Measures being taken to boost the performance of cooperatives

include providing a legal framework to make cooperatives vibrant democratic institutions, strengthening of federal cooperative institutions at the State and national level, implementation of the Business Development Plan to revitalise primary cooperatives and the formulation of national Cooperative Policy.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The main recommendations of the Committee relate to reducing the role of the Government in the functioning of the cooperatives and making the cooperatives true democratic institutions by active participation of the members in the management.

[Translation]

Setting up of Manganese based Industry in Madhya Pradesh

3468. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up a manganese based industry in Baiyaghat district of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of DMS Milk to Trans-Yamuna Area of Delhi

3469. SHRI PHOOLCHAND VERMA: SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: