

- (i) To organise and plan the growth and development of natural products and their trade on rational, scientific and commercial basis in the interest of the tribal population in the country;
- (ii) To strive to ensure higher earning and larger employment opportunities for the tribal population by formulation of suitable economic schemes based on natural products;
- (iii) To ensure full utilisation of natural products available in the tribal areas by exploring new uses for them and by improving their marketability through organised effort;
- (iv) To boost the economic and commercial viability of the Tribal Development Co-operative Corporations (TDCCs), Forest Development Corporations (FDCs) and other State level agencies dealing with procurement, processing and marketing of natural products by providing marketing support to them.
- (v) To identify items of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) in different States to be brought under the ambit of the co-operative marketing and make recommendations for fixation of minimum prices of such MFP in the tribal areas by each State.

[English]

South-South Co-operation

*137. DR. RAVI MALLU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to utilise the services of the non-Governmental

Organisations to promote South South co-operation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the recent South Asia Craft Meeting held in New Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the support rendered by the Government to such activities?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). Government is engaged in promoting South-South co-operation through all possible appropriate channels. A case in point is the participation of the representatives of the apex industry organisations from India, in the parallel meeting of businessmen and industrialists from G-15 countries, held concurrently with the Caracas Summit on 27-29 November, 1991. It has been decided that the meeting of businessmen and industry representatives will be an institutionalised annual event accompanying the future Summit Meetings.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Consumption of Milk

*138. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita consumption of milk during each of the last two years, State-wise;

(b) whether there was considerable increase in milk production during the above period in North-Eastern States; and

(c) if not, the steps taken to encourage