

(a) the details of the associations and institutions which were granted Central aid for more than Rupees Fifty Thousand in a financial year during the last three years for welfare activities;

(b) whether Government have conducted any audit of such institutions for proper utilisation of grants; and

(c) if so, the details of the irregularities detected, if any?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Fruit Processing

1484. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated for processing fruits being grown in the country; and

(b) if so, the total production of various fruits in the country and the quantity thereof likely to be processed?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no official estimate for total production of fruits in the country. However, a production of 27.67 million tonnes has been estimated during 1987-88. While there is no estimate of the quantity of fruits likely to be processed, the actual production of fruit-based products in units licensed under the Fruit Products Order was 1.69 lakh ton in 1987.

Decline in Availability of Sugar

1485. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the availability of sugar is declining during the last three months in a number of States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to increase the availability of sugar?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) to (c). There has been no reduction in the monthly levy sugar quota allotted in favour of States/UTs since February, 1987. Besides, a quantity of 16 lakh tonnes of free sale sugar has been released for sale in the open market during December, 1989 to February, 1990 as compared to 14.95 lakh tonnes during the corresponding period last season. Accordingly adequate availability of sugar has been maintained.

Handloom Training Centre in Hill Areas of Uttar Pradesh

1486. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry propose to open more handloom training centres in the hill areas of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the names of places where such training centres are proposed to be opened during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.