

composite mills respectively in the entire NTC Group. In addition to the award, the workers and staff of these two mills were granted one day's wages/salaries, as *ex-gratia*.

Scheme to Promote Family Planning

*848. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a new integrated scheme of incentives and disincentives to promote a small family norm with a view to accelerate the pace of family planning movement; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). The family welfare strategy is being reviewed in the context of the 8th Five Year Plan. In this context, various proposals and alternatives including those relating to incentives and dis-incentives are under examination. No final decision has yet been taken in the matter.

[*Translation*]

Food Processing Units

*849. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of food processing units in the country, State-wise;

(b) the States where new units of food processing industry are proposed to be set up during the Eighth Plan period;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate some comprehensive plan for the processing of fruits available in different States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d). Food Processing Industries are in the organised, unorganised and cooperative sectors. Information in respect of all the food processing industries in different sectors is not being maintained centrally.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries have not taken any decision to directly set up food processing units in any state. Modern Food Industrial (I) Ltd. and North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited, the two public sector undertakings under the administrative control of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, have set up some food processing units in different States for manufacturing bread, fruit drinks, fruit concentrate, extruded food, maida etc.

In order to encourage the growth the development of the processed food industry, several developmental plan schemes have been prepared for 1990-91. In the fruit and vegetable processing sector, these include schemes for strengthening the backward linkages between growers and processors, for strengthening quality control, for extension and education for development of infrastructure facilities and for extending financial assistance to State Government undertakings and cooperative undertakings in setting up new processing units as well as strengthening existing processing units.