

this behalf; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) The percentage of women farm labour in India excluding Assam is 37.42 according to 1981 Census.

(b) State Government have been advised to enforce minimum wages in agricultural occupations and periodically revise the same. Besides, various schemes are being implemented under anti-poverty programme such as IRDP and Jawahar Rozgar Yojna which are aimed at ameliorating the lot of the poorest section of the community which include the bulk of agriculturual labour includingn women farm labour.

(c) There is not such proposal before the Government.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Manufacturing of Catechu

8916. SHRI SANTOSH KUAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether adulterate Catechu is being manufactured in the country; and

(d) if so, its, effect on health and the action proposed to be taken to check it?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). Samples of various articles of food including Catechu are regularly drawn by the States/Union Territories from various manufacturers/distributors and dealers under the povisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act,

1954 and the rules made thereunder.

On analysis, if a sample is found adulterated on any account, appropriate legal action is taken against the offenders.

Harmful effects on human body due to consumption of adulterated catechu depends upon the quainty and type of adulteration.

[*English*]

Demands Accepted on the Eve of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar's Birth Centenary

8917. SHRI VAMANRAO MAHADIK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the eve of late Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's Birth Centenary Government have decide to accept some demands of the people;

(b) if so, the details of the demands accepted and how these are going to be implemented; and

(c) whether the benefits will be awarded on the caste recognition or on the basis of economic slab (Income Group)?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) to (c). Government have decided to observe Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkhar's birth Centenary from 14th April, 1990 to 14th April, 1991 in a befitting manner.

Government is finalising various programmes which would be appropriately implemented during the Centenary Celebrations.

Liquor Advertisement in Newspapers

8918. SHRI A. VJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state: