

castes and in remote hill areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the concrete achievements made, State-wise?

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

[*Translation*]

Central Assistance to Agro Based Fruit Industry in Maharashtra

9088. SHRI HARIBHAU SHANKAR MAHALE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra had requested financial assistance for the development of agro-based fruit industries; and

(b) if so, the action taken or being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Labour Ministers Conference

9089. SHRI SHEO SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Labour Ministers' Conference was held in April, 1990;

(b) if so, whether any final decision was

reached on Labour Acts; and

(c) the time by which the legislation in this regard is likely to be brought forward?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Labour Ministers' Conference recommended amendments to the following existing legislation:

1. Industrial Disputes Act.
2. Trade Unions Act.
3. Workmen's Compensation Act.
4. Contract Labour Act.
5. Inter State Migrant Workmen's Act, and suggested introduction of the following new legislation;
 - (i) Bill on Workers Participation in Management.
 - (ii) Bill on Construction Workers.
 - (iii) Bill on Agricultural Workers.

(c) The Labour Ministers' Conference makes recommendation to the Government. These are in turn examined by the Government. Therefore, at this stage, the question of indicating the date by which the legislation will be brought forward does not arise.

[*English*]

Recommendations of Wage Board for Sugar Mill Workers

9090. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state: