

ers at Minimum Support Prices announced by the Government from season to season. During the new jute season, July 1990-June 1991) the JCI shall continue its operations under the same Policy so as to ensure remunerative prices to the jute growers in Orissa and in all other jute growing States.

HUDCO Collaboration with Institute of Housing Studies

*948. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Housing and Urban Development Corporation has set up a Human Settlement Management Institute in collaboration with the Institute of Housing Studies at New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the purpose of setting up such an Institute; and

(c) to what extent the Institute will provide housing facilities?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b). The Human Settlement Management Institute (HSMI) was set up by HUDCO in 1985, in collaboration with the Institute of Housing Studies, Rotterdam to provide training and research support for professionals working in Housing, Slum Improvement, Urban Development etc. and to establish a forum of interaction for administrators, professionals, researchers and others. The Institute (HSMI) functions as a national level Research and Training Institution in the field of Housing and human settlements collaborates under different programmes, with various specialised national institutions, and conducts regular training courses for the upgradation of technical and managerial skills of professionals engaged in the field of housing and human settlements.

(c) The institute does not undertake construction of houses.

Proposal to Boost Fruits and Vegetables Industries

*949. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of fruits and vegetables which perish or go waste for want of post-harvest facilities;

(b) what post-harvest facilities are proposed to be provided by Government to farmers so that they may get remuneration for their labour; and

(c) the details of the programme drawn up for the growth and development of fruit and vegetable processing industry?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c). While no authentic information is available, it is estimated that fruits and vegetables valued at Rs. 3,000 crores are wasted every year due to inadequate post harvest handling as well as absence of linkage of growers with the processors and fresh fruits and vegetables markets.

In order to encourage the growth and development of the processed food industry, several development schemes have been formulated for 1990-91. In the fruit and vegetable processing sector, these include schemes 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 for strengthening existing processing units. These Schemes have been designed to increase incomes accruing di-

rectly to the producers of fruits and vegetables. The National Horticulture Board under the Department of Agriculture, also has schemes for post-harvest management aspect of horticulture crops.

Impact of Pepsi Project on Foodgrains Production

*950. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pepsi Project will, in the long run change the cropping pattern of Punjab by inducing the Punjab farmers to shift from foodgrains to the more profitable fruit growing;

(b) whether this will affect the foodgrains supply in the State and also whether it will lead to high prices for basic foodgrains; and

(c) the details of the steps taken in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINSTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c). While the Punjab Agro-Pepsico project is expected to increase the quantum of processing of fruits and vegetables in Punjab, there is no estimate about the extent to which it will lead to farmers sharing their existing area under foodgrains to horticulture.

International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

*951. SHRI B.N REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether United Nations has declared the period 1981-1990 as the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade; and

(b) if so, the achievements made for provision of safe drinking water supply and sanitation facilities in the country by 1989-1990?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the basis of the information furnished by the State Governments and Union Territories 82.24% of the urban population has been provided with drinking water supply and 43.9% with sanitation facilities as on 31.3.88. It is expected that by 31.3.90 the coverage should be 85% with drinking water supply and 48% with sanitation facilities in urban areas.

Utilisation of Cashew Apple

*952. SHRI A.R. ANTULAY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government-propose to encourage setting up of food processing units for utilisation of cashew apple in the coastal regions of Konkan and Kerala; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINSTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b). The Government is encouraging the setting up of food processing units for utilization of fruits grown in the country. Several plan schemes have been formulated for the overall development of the fruits and vegetable processing industry during 1990-91. These include schemes of assistance to State Government Undertakings and Cooperative undertakings for the setting up of new units as well as for strengthening existing units; marketing assistance to encourage small and cottage units; schemes of extension, training, quality control and develop-