

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-