

Import of Soyabean oil

6484 SHRI RAJVEER SINGH Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are importing soyabean oil from America, Brazil, Argentina and other European Countries

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the steps taken to increase soyabean yield in the country?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA)

(a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Two centrally sponsored projects, namely the National Oilseed Development Project (NODP) and Oilseeds Production Thrust Project (OPTP) are in operation in the important oilseed growing States for increasing production and yields of different oilseeds laid on the following areas

- Demonstration of improved technology
- Large scale Production of foundation and certified seeds
- Supply of farm implements
- Distribution of seed fertilizer, mini-kits, chemicals
- Plant protection measures etc

As a result of promoting measures, the production of soyabean has increased from 8.98 lakh tonnes in 1987-88 to 15 lakh tonnes in 1988-89

[English]

Improvement in the Quality of Textile Products

6485 SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have taken measures to diversify production base, strengthen manufacturing facilities and improve the quality of textile products and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV) (a) and (b) Government have taken a number of measures for diversification of production base, strengthening manufacturing facilities and improve the quality of textile products. The measures taken inter-alia include liberalisation of licensing procedure for setting-up of new spinning and processing units, creation of a textile units. Apart from this, the import-export policy also permits import of modern sophisticated textile machinery under OGL procedure as well as import of certain types of textile machinery under concessional rate of custom duty will also permitted to be imported. 15 powerloom service centres are also working under the administrative control of the Textile Commissioner for rendering suitable help to the powerloom industry. These centres also develop new designs for the textile industry.

[Translation]

Rice Mills in Uttar Pradesh

6486 SHRI RAJVEER SINGH Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state

(a) the number of licences issued for