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**More Food Processing Industries to be set up**

6568. S. ATINDER PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up some more food processing Industries in the near future particularly during the next Five Year Plan

(b) if so, the details in regard thereto:

(c) whether Government propose to set up poultry and grape based industries;

(d) if so, the names of places and the time by which these industries are likely to be set up alongwith the production and consumption projections thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for not setting up such industries?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV). (a) to (e). The Ministry of food Processing Industries have formulated certain Plan Schemes for 1990-91, for the development of fruit based industries (including grapes) and poultry industry, among others. It is not possible to indicated the exact locations or time frame, as these would depend on response from various implementing agencies.

[*English*]

**Lhasi Irrigation Project of Rajasthan**

6570. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lhasi irrigation project in Kota, Rajasthan is proposed to be included in the Eighth five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of that project;

(c) the amount allocated or proposed to be allocated for 1990-91 to take up the execution of that project. and

(d) whether the project is likely to be completed by the end of the Eighth Five Year plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Government of Rajasthan has proposed the inclusion of this project in the 8th Plan.

(b) the project was found acceptable by the Advisory committee in March, 1982 for an estimated cost of Rs. 5.45 crores. The latest estimated cost is indicated by Government of Rajasthan as Rs. 10.02 crores.

(c) Nil.

(d) Yes, Sir.

**Export of Medium Staple Cotton**

6571. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to export medium staple cotton in the current financial year;

(b) if so, the total bales of medium staple cotton proposed to be exported to different countries during the current financial year; and

(c) the steps taken by the Cotton Corporation of India in that direction?

**THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV):** (a) and (b). Government have released a quota for the export of 5.25 lakh bales of cotton of staple length 24.5 MM and above (which covers medium staple) during the 1989-90 cotton season.

(c) Cotton Corporation of India has, out of the quota for the export of 2.90 lakh bales of cotton of staple length 24.5 MM and above allotted to it, registered 2.08 lakh bales for export and shipped 0.32 lakh bales till 12th April, 1990.

#### **Procurement and Allocation of Rice**

6572. **SHRI K. S. RAO:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate quantity of rice required annually to meet the demand of the Public Distribution System and also to replenish the buffer stocks in the Central Pool;

(b) the quantity of rice procured during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the quantity given to States during the above period?

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

(a) The requirement of rice for Public distribution System varies from year to year. However, as per buffer stocking policy of the Government the size of buffer stocks of rice to be maintained by the Public agencies should be 5 million tonnes. This buffer stock would be over and above the operational stocks which, on different dates of the year, would range between the lowest figure of 1.5 million tonnes of 1st October and the highest figure of 5.9 million tonnes on the 1st January of the year.

(b) Statement-I giving the information is attached.

(c) Statement-II giving the information is attached.