

cashew apple for producing jam, pickles or any other consumable products: and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries have not received any such reports.

(b) Does not arise

(c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries do not have any proposal to set up any unit for processing of cashew apple in the central public sector in Kerala.

(d) Does not arise.

Supply of Chloroquine by IDPL

*424. DR. ASIMBALA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government placed an order with the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited for supply of Chloroquine.

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether they drug was supplied directly by the IDPL or was supplied by a middleman; and

(c) if the drug was supplied by the IDPL through a middleman, the details thereof indicating the name of middleman and the commission paid?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUFRAY): (a) to (c). An order was placed by the Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme on February 9, 1990 on I.D.P.L., a public sector undertaking, for the supply of 200 million tablets of chloroquine phosphate at the rate of Rs. 251.20 per 1000 tablets. The terms and conditions of the

order stipulated *inter alia* that M/s I.D.P.L. would supply to the M.S.D. Depots at Hyderabad, Madras and Bombay. N.M.E.P. receives drugs directly from I.D.P.L and makes payment directly to I.D.P.L.

The Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals have stated that I.D.P.L. have paid a sum of Rs. 9.02 lakh to M/s. Neel Madhav Consultants Private Limited, New Delhi for following up the business, in accordance with the agreement entered into in November, 1989 between I.D.P.L. and the agent. However, we have requested the Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals to look into this matter.

Rise in Price of Hank Yarn

*425. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of hank yarn have recently gone up causing much hardship to the weavers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to bring down the prices of hank yarn within the reach of the weavers;

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) As against the price rise over the last two years, hank yarn prices in the last six months have been more or less stable.

(b) The price fluctuations in yarn prices are relatable to increase in some input costs, and demand-supply position for the particular count.

(c) The steps Government have taken from time to time in this context are:—