

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has no proposal to set up any food processing industry in Pithoragarh district of Uttar Pradesh in the public sector.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Indo-Nepal talks on Bilateral Relations

*52. **SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJU:**
SHRI SHANTILAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nepal has agreed to hold talks with India to resolve all the aspects of bilateral relations including those of trade and transit;

(b) if so, whether any date has been fixed for the talks; and

(c) if not, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c). In the letter of June 16, 1989, from the Minister of External Affairs to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of His Majesty's Government of Nepal, the Government had proposed a comprehensive agenda conveying all relevant aspect of Indo-Nepal relations to be discussed between the two sides. In his reply of June 26, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal has suggested certain amendments to this agenda. These are being examined. It is hoped that a frank, cordial and sincere dialogue, between the two sides, which alone can lead to the resolution of all the pending issues, will begin at an early date.

Supply of Drinking Water to problem Villages in Bihar

*53. **DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR VERMA:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are still a number of problem villages without drinking water facilities in Bihar;

(b) if so, the number of such villages as on 30 June, 1989; and

(c) whether drinking water facilities are proposed to be provided to these villages during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 30th June, 1989, there were 210 'No Source' Problem Villages (PVs) yet to be provided with safe drinking water facilities in Bihar.

(c) All these problem villages are to be provided with safe drinking water facilities in 1989-90 i.e. last year of the Seventh Plan.

Operational Management of Cochin Shipyard

*54. **SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been marked deterioration in the operational management of the Cochin Shipyard Ltd;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the company has been