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have been taken over under the Sugar Undertakings (Taking Over of Management) Act, 1978.

(b) Discussions with the owners/representatives of the owners of the mills are being held to explore the possibility of returning their mills to them.

(e) On the basis of the all-India average cane price of Rs. 22/- per quintal, the average cost of production of sugar works out to Rs. 405/- per quintal, approximately. The cost of production (without interest on long term loans) in seven out of eight Government managed mills is in the range of Rs. 376/- to Rs. 449/- per quintal except in the case of one mill.

[Translation]

Sheep Rearing in Hill Areas

*646. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have chalked out a comprehensive scheme to encourage sheep rearing in the hill areas of the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to chalk out such a scheme in consultation with concerned States ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) :

(a) to (c) There is no Central Scheme for sheep development in the hill areas of the country. The State Government have taken up a number of programmes for sheep development in hill areas depending upon the priorities and available financial resources. Some of the important programmes of the State Governments are :

- (1) Sheep breeding farms for production and supply of improved breeding rams to sheep breeders.
- (2) Providing sheep extension services like breeding, health cover, improved shearing of wool through sheep and wool extension centres.
- (3) Organization of marketing facilities for wool and sheep.

Requirements of sheep development in hill areas will be kept in view while finalising the Seventh Five Year Plan.

[English]

T.V. Tower Obstructing Beauty of Taj Mahal

*647. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether 150 metre high television transmission tower across the Jamuna is obstructing the beauty of the Taj Mahal since the former stands prominently in the background ;

(b) if so, the steps taken in the matter by Government ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :

(a) to (c) T.V. tower at Agra is about 3.5 Kilometre away from Taj Mahal and is visible, in the background, only from some positions. However, the question of shifting the tower from its present site is being examined.

Maintenance of Projects Constructed by DDA

*531 SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Union Territory of Delhi some projects are being constructed by the D.D.A. while their maintenance rests with the Delhi Municipal Corporation ;

(b) whether on account of this dichotomy of functionalities a lot of delay in execution and final take over by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi takes place ; and

(c) the proposals Government have in view to solve this problem ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) :

(a) Yes, Sir,