

nique has been suggested for brick manufacturing.

The hon. Minister has already mentioned all the important centres except Patna. Why so ?

[Translation]

SHRI DALBIR SINGH : Not that we have left out Patna; on the contrary we are paying attention to all centres including Patna. But as I have just now stated, the cost of various building materials has risen during the last five years. If the hon. lady Member wants, I can give complete information carrying details of each aspect. For example, N. B. O. has conducted research on foundation work with Low-Cost Material, Lime Destabilised Mud Contents, Lime Contents, Volumes and in respect of various differences. In all, there are 25 items. If you permit me, I can read out all of them in the House.

[English]

SHRI D. N. REDDY : Is the hon. Minister aware that pre-fabricated material has been in vogue in Western countries since very long time thus reducing the cost and time of housings. Recently there was a Seminar of Engineers from all over the country here in Delhi about the same subject, pre-fabricated material to be used in housing. If so, has the Government taken notice of it and what are the recommendations and will the Government think of using this technique in our country ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): Already this year we have floated tenders for constructing 12,000 houses in Delhi alone with this new technique of pre-fabricated houses. We are going to have this experiment here in Delhi and we are sure if it succeeds it will spread through the whole of India.

Failure of Groundnut Crop in Saurashtra

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\*744. SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH :

SHRI R. S. MANE :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to acute drought conditions, the groundnut crop in Saurashtra has failed completely ;

(b) the quantity of groundnut Saurashtra provides for extraction of edible oil in the country and the extent of loss of groundnut this year ;

(c) whether the shortfall in groundnut production will in any way affect the total availability of groundnut oil ; and

(d) if so, how it is going to be made up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Perceivable loss of groundnut crop during kharif 1985 is anticipated in Saurashtra region of Gujarat due to drought conditions.

(b) Saurashtra region of Gujarat on an average basis of preceding three years provides about 11 lakh metric tonnes of groundnut for extraction of edible oil. According to the information made available by Government of Gujarat, the production of kharif groundnut in this region during 1985-86 is anticipated to be around 3 lakh metric tonnes.

(c) and (d). Much of the loss in production of groundnut in Saurashtra region during 1985-86 will be covered by the higher production of rapeseed-mustard, soyabean and rabi/summer groundnut in the country.

SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH : According to the figure given in the reply, the gap in the production of groundnut is 8 lakh metric tonnes this year. And the Government is optimistic that the shortage will be made good by the rapeseed-mustard, soyabean and rabi production in other parts of the country. May I know in this connection whether the Government has made any survey of the production of Soya-bean oil, what is the share that will be made up by this Soya-bean oil, how popular it has become in the general market as also other rapeseed-and

mustard oils, and whether the Government are anticipating that the shortage of groundnut will be made up or is it only a general optimistic statement or have they made any deep study of the matter? I would like to know from the hon. Minister.

**SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA :** That is what we expect that the loss will be made up by soya-bean, other rapeseed—mustard and other oil. Then it largely depends upon the habit of the people to the oil they are using and which they are accustomed to use. So it is difficult to say and it is difficult to assess as to how much of groundnut will be replaced by soyabean, mustard and other oils.

**SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH :** I would like to know the real quantity of soya-bean oil production so far. The hon. Minister has not replied to it.

**SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA :** The question is about the fall of groundnut production in Gujarat. It is not related to the soyabean production. You certainly asked me as to what is the shortage and whether it will be possible to make up the shortage by the use of soyabean and rapeseed-mustard oil production. That is why I said it all depends upon the habit and liking of the people and it is not possible to assess like that.

**SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY :** You are importing 13,000 to 14,000 tonnes of groundnut oil. Instead of resorting to imports, why not the Government give a better and a remunerative price for groundnut so that the growers can be encouraged to grow more groundnuts. The present support price is only Rs. 350 per quintal whereas it is sold in the market at Rs. 450 per quintal. The present support price is not remunerative. The present support price is not remunerative. Why don't you increase the support price beyond Rs. 450, say to Rs. 550 so that it may act as an incentive to farmers to grow more groundnut?

**MR. SPEAKER :** It is not a good suggestion?

**SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA :** It is not a good suggestion and it will not help because in the groundnut growing area in Gujarat, that is, the Saurashtra area where groundnut is grown in large quantity, the prices are higher and that is why even though the productivity is less and the yield is very less, even then they are growing groundnuts. They should have switched over to other crops but they are not doing it because it is more remunerative than other crops. So I do not think this suggestion will work.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Next Question.

[*Translation*]

**SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a very important question. You may somehow take it up.

**MR. SPEAKER :** When you have taken *Bairag* (renunciation), I shall not refuse. . . . . (*Interruptions*)

**MR. SPEAKER :** Now when I have agreed, you are going further.

**SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI :** If I do not go further, the people will catch me by the scruff.

**MR. SPEAKER :** You may do anything, but it cannot be permitted.

**SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI :** Sir, take it up somehow or the other.

**MR. SPEAKER :** If you give a fresh notice, I shall see.

[*English*]

#### Working of House Building Cooperative Societies in Delhi.

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\*746. **SHRI T. BASHEER :**  
**SHRI V.S. KRISHNA IYER :**

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of House Building Cooperative Societies in Delhi involved in incessant litigations among different groups