

### Sugar output

\*1049. SHRIMATI MADHURI SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the likely sugar output from the current year's sugar cane crop;

(b) the extent to which such crop is expected to meet the domestic demand for sugar; and

(c) the manner in which the gap between demand and supply of sugar is expected to be bridged?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION AND IRRIGATION AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) The sugarcane production during the current 1980-81 sugar year is estimated at about 152 million tonnes and out of this, the total available cane for crushing by the sugar factories is likely to result in sugar production of about 52 lakh tonnes in the current season.

(b) and (c). The estimated sugar production of about 52 lakh tonnes in 1980-81 sugar year together with the carryover of 6.8 lakh tonnes at the beginning of the season and the surplus available stocks with Food Corporation of India will give a total availability of over 59 lakh tonnes of sugar in the current sugar year. This availability will meet the requirement of levy at current quotas and free sale sugar for internal consumption during 1980-81 sugar year, with an anticipated carryover of about 8 lakh tonnes at the beginning of 1981-82 sugar year. This carryover together with fresh production in the first two months of October and November of 1981-82 sugar year is expected to be adequate to meet the requirement of internal consumption in the first few months of the next season i.e., upto December, 1981 by which time the sugar production would have gone into full swing for 1981-82 season. Thus,

there is expected to be no gap between the requirement and supply of sugar, on this basis.

### Difference over implementation of Water Supply Scheme between the Centre and States

\*1050. SHRI UTTAM RATHOD: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of reports about certain differences between the Centre and States in the implementation of water supply schemes of villages; and

(b) if so, steps taken to resolve such differences and speed up the water supply schemes?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. But the reports are not correct as there are no differences between the Centre and States in the implementation of Water Supply Schemes for villages.

(b) Does not arise.

### Procurement of wheat

\*1051 SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the wheat stock depleting to a critical level, Government proposes to step up its drive for larger procurement of wheat in the current season; and

(b) if so, steps taken or proposed to be taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION AND IRRIGATION AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Apart from fixing the procurement price of wheat at Rs. 130,— Rs. 13/— more than the price fixed last year,