

**National Award on Consumer Protection**

7002. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of organisations which were recommended by Government of Maharashtra during June, 1989 for National Award on Consumer Protection;

(b) if so, the cash awards recommended;

(c) whether the recommendations have been accepted by Union Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b). Government of Maharashtra recommended the names of Akhil Bhartiya Grahak Panchayat, Pune and Mumbai Grahak Panchayat, Bombay for the first and second prizes of Rs. 50,000/- and Rs. 40,000/- of National Award on Consumer Protection.

(c) and (d). The recommendations of all the State Governments including that of Government of Maharashtra were carefully considered by a Selection Committee. After Consideration of all the proposals received, the first, second and third prizes of National Award on Consumer protection were given to consumer organisations functioning in West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu respectively. The prizes have since been distributed.

**Import of Rice, Wheat and Sugar**

7003. SHRI BASAVAPUNNAIAH SINGAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organisation has forecast that India would import sizeable amounts of rice, wheat and sugar this year; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) No, Sir, no such forecast has come to the knowledge of the Central Government.

(b) Does not arise.

**Tribal and Non-Tribal Population of Tripura**

7004. SHRI K.B.K. DEB BURMAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the tribal and non-tribal population of Tripura as per 1961, 1971 and 1981 census and the latest break-up of population of that State; and

(b) whether any of the Tribes are becoming extinct; if so the details thereof and to what extent their survival is threatened?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) A statement is given below.

(b) No Scheduled Tribe community is becoming extinct in Tripura.