

Decoration of Chandigarh Guest House by EPF Organisation

7032. SHRI YADVENDRA DATT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by the EPF organisation on the decoration of the Chandigarh Guest House.

(b) if so, whether the material was purchased after inviting tenders/quotations; and

(c) if so, the details together with reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken against the erring officers?

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

(a) The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation had set up and furnished a guest house at Chandigarh several years ago. Recently certain additional items have been purchased for the guest house for an amount of Rs. 62854.92.

(b) Since the articles were purchase at D.G.S. & D. rates from authorised dealers, it was not necessary to call for quotations.

(c) Does not arise.

Pesticides Causing Cancer

7033. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of the pesticides used in our country lead to cancer; and

(b) if so, the details of such pesticides?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD):

(a) and (b). The information is being col-

lected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

New Textile Policy

7034. SHRI B.N. REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to evolve a new textile policy in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b). the existing textile policy is under continuous review and changes and modifications will be made as and when found necessary.

[*Translation*]

Import and Export of Sugar

7035. SHRI CHHABIRAM ARGAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of sugar being imported from different countries, country-wise during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the names of the countries where sugar is exported with quantity thereof during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) As per the information received from State Trading Corporation and Food Corporation of India the quantity of sugar imported from different countries, country-wise during the last three financial year is as under: