(c) the number of cotton bales exported during 1988-89 and 1989-90 the actual number of cotton bales for export of which permission was accorded and the reasons for not according permission for export of full quantity; and

(d) the number of cotton bales for export of which permission has been accorded in 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING IN-DUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Government of Maharashtra has suggested an additional quota for the export of 3.00 lakh bales of cotton staple length 24.5 mm and above for export during the 1989-90 cotton season.

(b) Government have released an additional quota for the export of 1.50 lakh bales of cotton of staple length 24.5 mm and above in favour of the Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation Ltd. taking the total export quota allotted to it to 3.20 lakh bales.

(c) During 1988-89, no quota for export of cotton was allotted to Maharashtra Cotton Federation. During 1989-90, out of an export quota of 3.20 lakh bales to the Maharashtra Cotton Federation, it has registered 2.09 lakh bales of cotton for export and shipped 0.72 lakh bales as on 19th April, 1990. Quotas for export are released upon the availability of exportable surplus, keeping in view the interests of both growers and consumers.

(d) No quotas for export of cotton during 1990-91 season have yet been released by Government.

Prevention of Flood Caused by River Ganga

7066. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH Will the Minister of WATER

RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes prepared for preventing flood caused by river Ganga;

(b) the progress made so far in linking Ganges and Godavari rivers through canals; and

(c) the details of the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRYOF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Comprehensive Flood Control plans for 22 river systems in the Ganga basin have been prepared and the one for the main stem of Ganga is under preparation.

- (b) There is no such proposal.
- (c) Does not arise.

[English]

Consumption of Foodgrains

7067. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

 (a) the quantum of per-capita consumption of foodgrains during the years 1986-90, year-wise;

(b) the number of people covered by the Public Distribution System during the above period; and

(c) the quantum of food grains imported and exported, if any, during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) The quantum of per-capita net availability of foodgrains during the years 1986 to 1989 is as under: