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(d) to (f) As the Mahidpur Road Sugar mill belongs to M.P. State Industries Corporation Ltd., a State Government undertaking, necessary action for re-starting this sugar are to be taken by the said corpn./State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

**Stockpiles of Jaggery in A.P.**

1697. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jaggery traders in Andhra Pradesh are stuck with huge stockpiles of over 3000 tonnes; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to help the farmers in disposing of the stocks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREE NIVAS A PRASAD): (a) and (b) Jaggery or gur is a cottage industry product and Government does not monitor the stocks of jaggery with the traders etc.

**Office Building for district fora Maharashtra**

1698. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has requested by its D.O. letter CPA-1096452CR3621.CP.4 dated August 31, 1998 for grant of about Rs. 3 crores for construction of Office buildings for districts fora., set-up under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986; and

(b) if so, how much amount has been paid so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREE NIVASA PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, To supplement Maharashtra Government's efforts, the Central Government has released a financial assistance of Rs. 3.6 crores under one-time grant scheme to strengthen the infrastructure of one State Commission and 31 district fora which were functioning in Maharashtra at the time of