

(b) whether it is also a fact that a wide variety of sugar substitutes such as high fructose syrups are being widely used in U.S.A. and other countries;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the 'Economic Times' of the 27th June, 1992 in this regard;

(d) whether Government propose to set up a Steering Committee to have a new look at sugarcane cultivation and to promote its alternative?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING . . . INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Sugarcane is considered to be a water intensive crop as water requirement of sugarcane ranges between 1400 mm to 3500 mm in different sugarcane growing centres in the country. Sugarcane crop occupies land for a period of 12-20 months. Cultivation of beetroot as alternative crop to sugarcane has not been found successful in most parts of the country. Different varieties of sugar substitutes such as high fructose syrup, aspartame, glucose, etc. are used in limited quantities in different foods and medicines in various countries.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No proposal to set up a Steering Committee to have a new look at sugarcane cultivation and to promote its alternative is under consideration of this Ministry.

गुजरात में चावल मिलें

4082. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान गुजरात के विभिन्न जिलों में चावल मिलों की स्थापना करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन्हें किन-किन स्थानों पर और किन-किन जिलों में स्थापित किया जायेगा; और

(ग) इस समय गुजरात में कितनी चावल मिलें चल रही हैं?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) :

(क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) 30.6.92 को स्थिति के अनुसार गुजरात में 2981 चावल मिलें कार्य कर रही हैं?

उत्तर प्रदेश में चावल मिलें

4083. श्री ईश दत्त यादव : क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा कग कि :

(क) क्या वर्ष 1992-93 के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में चावल मिलों को स्थापित करने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचारधीन है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन स्थानों का जिला-वार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) उत्तर प्रदेश में इस समय जिला-वार कितनी चावल मिलें हैं?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) :

(क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Privatisation of Modern Foods India Limited

4084. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to privatise the Mo-

dern Foods India Limited, a public sector unit; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GLRIDHAR GOMANGO). (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Implementation of Hullers Scheme

4085. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY;

SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme to modernise the rice mills of the country has been launched;

(b) if so, the names of rice mills, State and Union Territory-wise modernised till November, 1992 alongwith the amount of expenditure incurred on each such mill;

(c) whether a scheme on modernisation of single Hullers has been implemented in all the States with particular reference to Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, the names of these Hullers covered under the scheme as on November, 1992 with financial expenditure incurred on each;

(e) what are the objectives of the scheme and whether the scheme has yielded and expected results;

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and

(g) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI Huller rice mills.

Sir. However, Government has a

scheme for modernisation of single huller rice mills.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A scheme on modernisation of single Hullers has been implemented in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Orissa, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh.

(d) Under the scheme, the number of huller rice mills which have been modernised are as follows:—

1. Uttar Pradesh	—140
2. Andhra Pradesh	—321
3. Tamil Nadu	—191
4. West Bengal	105
5. Orissa	—15
6. Maharashtra	—151
7. Karnataka	—NIL

An amount of Rs. 20000/- to Rs. 25,000/- is incurred on modernisation of each single Huller rice mill out of which Government of India provides assistance of Rs. 10,000/- per beneficiary.

(e) and (f) The objective of the scheme is to obtain better quality and higher yield of brokens, besides better by-products i.e. husk and bran, which can be used as energy source and for extraction of oils, respectively. Consequently, the availability of rice bran for extraction of oil, has increased from 1.87 lakh tonnes in 1970-71 to 28.09 lakh tonnes in 1991-1992;

(g) Does not arise.

Status of food inodiation

4086. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) What is the present status of food inodiation in the country indica-