

G-8 assistance for agriculture

†3114. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the group of 8 large countries of the world has decided 20 billion dollars for agriculture related assistance to poor countries of the world;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether those poor countries of the world have been identified whom this assistance is to be provided; and

(d) if so, the names of those countries and the form in which this assistance will be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):
(a) and (b) The countries represented at G-8 Outreach Session on Food Security in L'Aquila, Italy on 10th July, 2009 made commitments towards a goal of mobilizing US \$ 20 billion over three years through coordinated, comprehensive strategy focused on sustainable agricultural development while keeping a strong commitment to ensure adequate emergency food aid assistance.

(c) and (d) Specific countries have not been identified to whom this assistance is to be provided. The participating countries have committed to provide resources – whether financial, in kind or technical assistance-in support of Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme and other similar regional and national plans in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia.

Trans fat levels in vanaspati brands available in the country

3115. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a recent study by the Centre for Science and Environment, almost all vanaspati brands available in the country have 5 to 12 times higher trans fat levels than the world standard set in Denmark which is only 2 per cent;

(b) if so, whether total fatty acid profile comprising 37 components and trans fats was analysed;

(c) if so, whether fat levels found to be 5 o 12 times higher than world standards of 2 per cent; and

(d) if so, the concrete measures Government propose to take to meet the situation and the other main points suggested by the study?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) According to a study report published by Centre for Science and Environment, in January,

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