

(b) Do not arise.

(c) During the period 1995-96 to 1999-2000, 312 Foreign Investment Proposals in food processing sector were approved, envisaging Foreign Investment of Rs. 7044 Crore approximately. Actual implementation details for the five year period are not available. However, 114 projects were implemented during the period 1991 to Dec. 1999 with inflow of foreign investment of over Rs. 2299 crores.

(d) Out of 114 projects implemented, 76 are Export Oriented Units.

- (e)(i) Automatic approval for foreign equity up to 100% is available for most of the processed food items, subject to certain conditions.
- (ii) Food Processing Industries have been included in the list of priority sector.
- (iii) Most of the Processed food items have been exempted from the purview of licensing under Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.

Scheme for Telecasting Agro-Based Films

†2033. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for telecasting the agro based films;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its achievements; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO):

(a) to (c) Under the Scheme "Information Support/Management Information System", short duration video films are being produced on agriculture and allied subjects. Periodically some of the films produced by this Department are telecast on Doordarshan. Recently

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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27 video films have been given for telecast through Gyan Darshan Channel of Ministry of Human Resources Development, Prasar Bharati and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).

Soil Erosion

2034. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken serious note of the rapid soil erosion affecting all cultivable lands in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have any scheme to help farmers in controlling soil erosion;

(c) the details of such schemes and the extent of the involvement of State Governments;

(d) what are the funds made available to State Governments for the purpose of control of soil conservation in 1999-2000;

(e) whether any efforts will be made to intensify measures to control soil erosion in agricultural lands; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO):

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) There are a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation which are being