

स्थापित करने के लिए उपयुक्त स्थान के बारे में विस्तृत सूचना मांगी है। कारखाने के स्थान के बारे में निर्णय परियोजना रिपोर्ट को अंतिम रूप देने के पश्चात् किया जायेगा।

#### Production of Sugarcane

2635. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:  
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the average of land under sugarcane cultivation in 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84;

(b) what was the quantity of production of sugarcane during the same period;

(c) whether it is a fact that production of sugarcane has gone down affecting the sugar production; and

(d) what steps are being taken to increase its production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) The average under sugarcane in 1981-82 and 1982-83 was 31.9 and 33.6 lakh hectares, respectively. The area under the crop in 1983-84 has been assessed around 31.4 lakh hectares.

(b) The production of sugarcane in 1981-82 and 1982-83 was 186.4 and 189.1 million tonnes, respectively, the production of 1983-84 has been assessed at 175 million tonnes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) For 1984-85, the sugarcane production target has been fixed at 180 to 185 million tonnes. The target is to be achieved by adopting, mainly, the following strategy:

(i) production and distribution of quality seed cane;

(ii) expansion of area under irrigation;

(iii) larger application of fertilisers;

(iv) efficient management of ratoon crop;

(v) adoption of intensive plant protection measures;

(vi) transfer of technology; and

(vii) training of personnel.

#### Import of Rice

2636. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:  
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plan to import six lakh tonnes of rice to rebuild stocks inspite of bumper production;

(b) the country from where it is going to be imported;

(c) what is the price of the imported rice; and

(d) how much rice was imported in 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) There is no proposal with the Government to import rice from abroad at present.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) There was no import of rice during the years 1981-82 and 1982-83. However, a total quantity of 7.20 lakh tonnes of rice was contracted for import from Thailand and Burma during the year 1983-84.

#### Price revision of levy Sugar

2637. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Sugar Mills Association and the National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories have recently urged Government for price revision of levy sugar; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request has been considered in accordance with the provisions of Section

3(3C) of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, but no revision in the levy sugar prices already fixed for the production of the current season, 1983-84, is contemplated at present.

#### Production of Vanaspati

2638. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of vanaspati produced in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what is its production target for the current year;

(c) whether it is likely to be achieved;

(d) whether any shortfall in its production is anticipated; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what measures are contemplated for an increase in its production?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) The quantity of vanaspati produced in the country during the last three oil years (October to November) was as under:—

(in lakh tonnes)

Oil	Production of Vanaspati
1980-81	8.27
1981-82	9.03
1982-83	8.93

(b) to (d) The production target of vanaspati, which is likely to be achieved during the current oil year, is around 9 lakh tonnes.

(e) The measures undertaken by the Government for an increase in production of vanaspati are enumerated as under:—

(i) Increase in commercial rate allocation upto 35 per cent from August, 1984, onwards.

(ii) Increased allocation of imported oil to units having idle capacity and low production.

(iii) Allotment of imported oil upto two weeks' requirements of each unit as reserve stock for use in case of temporary disruption of supplies of imported oil.

(iv) State Trading Corporation has been advised to plan for imports and movement of imported oil continuously at regular intervals in order to have a comfortable stock position at the State Trading Corporation's depots throughout the country.

(v) The lifting of imported oil by the vanaspati units is closely monitored.

(vi) State Governments/Union Territories have been advised to exempt vanaspati industry from the purview of power cut/load shedding etc.

#### General Manager for Railway Electrification Headquarters, Allahabad

2639. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is great discontent among the Railway staff at Allahabad because a General Manager has not been posted at the Railway Electrification Headquarters, Allahabad;

(b) what are the reasons for not making the posting so far; and

(c) by when a General Manager is likely to be posted there?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUHDURY): (a) to (c) The general representation from Railway Staff at Allahabad was with regard to the earlier proposal to shift the Headquarters of Railway Electrification from Allahabad. It has since been decided that the Headquarters of the Railway Electrification will be retained at Allahabad, thus satisfying the demand.

There is no post of General Manager, Railway Electrification nor presently adequate justification thereof exists. The question of making appointment to this post does not arise.