

#### Trade of intoxicants prepared from food items

†1122. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that intoxicants like liquor, beer etc. are brewed from sugar, maize and barley in the country;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and out of the total production of the aforesaid foods, the percentage being used annually on an average for brewing intoxicants; and
- (c) whether these value added products are exported; and
- (d) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The Ministry does not maintain database on the production of intoxicants like liquor, beer etc. that are brewed from maize and barley. As regards sugar, no intoxicant is brewed from sugar.

(b) to (d) The data in this regard is not maintained centrally by the Ministry.

#### Ad-hocism in Prasar Bharati

1123. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is ad-hocism in Prasar Bharati, especially in All India Radio;
- (b) whether it is a fact that a large number of vacancies are there in Prasar Bharati and most of the work is being done by ad-hoc/contract/daily wages staff;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken to address this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHARY MOHAN JATUA) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Decline in media freedom

1124. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is a decline in media freedom;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken so far to correct the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA): (a) to (c) So far as Government of India is concerned, it does not have any information or evidence to the effect that there is a decline in media freedom. However, the

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