

**Rebate to sugar Industry for late
Crushing**

989. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give excess rebate to the sugar industry for late crushing during the season;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he has assured the industry that Government would take up the issue* of raising bank credit facility for the industry to obviate the difficulties being faced in this regard; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have already taken or propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) In view of the bumper sugarcane crop Government anticipate the crushing to go on in the summer months in order to crush the maximum possible quantity of cane. The feasibility of granting excise duty rebate to sugar industry for late crushing is under examination.

(b) and (c) The matter of raising bank credit for the sugar industry in the current season has already been taken up with the appropriate authorities.

Supply of Chemicals for Plant protection

990. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the firms who supply chemicals for plant protection to various undertakings and subordinate offices under the control of his Ministry;

(b) whether there is any agency which tests these chemicals before these are supplied to the farmers and other agencies; and

(c) If so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Setting: up of new Railway Coach manufacturing Units

991. SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUDDIN SHEIKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up new railway coach manufacturing units during the Sixth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) There is a proposal for setting up a new Railway Coach Production Unit which is under consideration of the Planning Commission. On receipt of the Planning Commission's clearance, a Project Report will be prepared to include scope, cost, location etc. of the proposed new Railway Coach Production Unit.

Alleged Diversion of Imported Cement meant for Dantiwada Irrigation Dam

992. SHRI SADASHIV BAGAIT-KAR: SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of bags of imported port-land cement earmarked for the construction of Dantiwada irrigation dam in Gujarat are alleged to have been diverted to certain factories;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and