

pected to be completed in 1981-82. A further expansion by another 500 lines has been planned to be completed in 1983-84.

(c) No, Sir.

Production of pulses and oil seeds

1930. SHRI K. L. N. PRASAD:
SHRI GHOUSE MOHIUD-
DIN SHEIKH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether eminent agriculture scientists have underlined the need to accord highest priority to raising production of pulses and oil seeds;

(b) whether any seminar on increasing pulses and oil seeds production was recently organised; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) It is not clear which statement of any particular scientist the Hon'ble Member has in view. However, it is a fact that high priority is being accorded to raising the production of pulses and oilseeds.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. A seminar on increasing pulses and oilseeds production was organised by the Fertilizer Association of India on 4th and 5th September, 1980. The Seminar made a number of recommendations pertaining to production of seeds of pulses and oilseeds, introduction of pulses and oilseeds as inter-crop/mixed crop. The Seminar also made recommendations concerning measures for increasing the productivity of these crops.

Granting of letters of intents to societies and private sector units for setting up of New Sugar Mills

1931. SHRI NARASINGHA PRASAD NANDA:

SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 752 given in the Rajya Sabha on November 26, 1980 and state the names of the Cooperative Societies and private sector units to whom letters of intents have since been granted by Government for setting up of new sugar mills/factories under the new scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): No letter of intent has been granted to the Cooperative Societies and Private Sector units for setting up of new sugar mills since the date of issue of Press Note by the Government on 4th July, 1980 referred to in reply to part (a) of Unstarred Question No. 752 on 26th November, 1980 in Rajya Sabha.

Number of rural unemployed persons provided with Jobs

1932. SHRI SHRIDHAR WASUDEO DHABE:

SHRI ARVIND GANESH KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state

(a) the number of person provided with jobs in rural area from 1st January, 1980 till 30th October, 1980 in the various States;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce in all parts of the country a programme on the lines of em-