

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI A P JAIN)

(a) A Sub-Committee has been set up by the Indian Central Arecanut Committee to go into the question of the location of the permanent headquarters of the Committee at a suitable centre either in Kerala or Mysore State keeping in view the facilities that would be made available by the State Governments for the efficient working of the Committee. The report of the Sub-Committee is awaited.

(b) Does not arise.

TRANSFER OF OIL TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT ANANTHAPUR

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Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Central Oilseeds Committee had approached the Government of Andhra Pradesh with a proposal for the transfer of the Oil Technological Institute at Ananthapur,

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether the State Government has agreed to proposal, and if so, on what terms, and

(c) whether the transfer has since been completed; if not, why not?

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(a) No, Sir. The offer was first made by the erstwhile State Government of Andhra which was considered by the Committee and certain terms were offered to the State Government.

(b) and (c) A note giving the information is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

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(b) and (c) An offer on the following terms was made by the Indian Central Oilseeds Committee to the State Government of Andhra for the transfer of the Oil Technological Institute at Ananthapur—

(i) The State Government should transfer the Institute as it is to the Indian Central Oilseeds Committee;

(ii) the Committee will pay the cost of buildings and land i.e., in all Rs 3,25,000, and

(iii) the equipment, etc., costing Rs 4,27,000 should be a gift from the Andhra Government to the Committee.

The State Government of Andhra accepted the offer.

2 The transaction could not however, be completed for the following reasons—

It was considered desirable that the proposal to take over the Oil Technological Institute, Ananthapur, and develop it into a Central Oil Technological Research Institute under the aegis of the Indian Central Oilseeds Committee should be examined in detail. An ad hoc committee, consisting of Professor M S Thacker, Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Dr M S Randhawa, ICS, Vice-President Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Dr N G Chatterjee, Oil Technological Expert, was accordingly set up to visit the Harcourt Butler Technological Institute, Kanpur, the Central Research Laboratories, Hyderabad and the Oil Technological Institute, Ananthapur, and to make recommendations as to where technological research on vegetable oils should be carried out. The Sub-Committee recommended that technological research on vegetable oils should be carried out on a decentralised basis at the above mentioned three institutes, and at the Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore, the National Chemical Laboratory, Poona and the Department of Technology, Bombay. This recommendation of the Committee was accepted and the question of taking over the Oil Technological Institute, Ananthapur had, therefore, to be dropped.