

(b) A proposal has been received from Government of Andhra Pradesh for procurement of oil palm Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFBs) under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) during the current crop season. The proposal is under consideration.

(c) Doesn't arise.

#### **Reduction in farm subsidies**

2277. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand from World Trade Organization (WTO) to the Government to reduce farm subsidies, if so, the reaction of Government to such a demand; and

(b) the per capita subsidy in agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIA): (a) No, Sir. However, in Doha round of trade negotiations, reductions and disciplines on agricultural subsidies are being negotiated.

(b) As per notification sent by Department of Commerce to World Trade Organization (WTO), India's agriculture subsidies (*i.e.* investment subsidies and input subsidies) for 2010 notified to the World Trade Organization is US \$ 31,610.27 million.

#### **Production rate of chemicals and pesticides**

†2278. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of producing pesticides by leading chemical and petrochemical industries in the country during last three years;

(b) whether the rate of production of main chemicals has gone down;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures taken by Government to enhance production rate of chemicals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR): (a) The rate of producing Pesticides (Technical Grade) by the manufactures under large and medium scale of chemical and petrochemical industries in the country during last three years is as under:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.