

Oilseeds crushing capacity

†533. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that establishment of industrial capacity of oilseeds crushing has increased during the last few years in the country;

(b) if so, the oilseeds crushing capacity established till the end of March, 2004;

(c) whether oilseeds are available for maximum utilization of the crushing capacity; and

(d) if not, the average percentage of production capacity of oilseeds crushing industry being used?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated annual crushing capacity of oilseeds is 425 lakh MTs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The average percentage of capacity utilization is around 30 per cent.

Consumer awareness

534. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications filed by the aggrieved public under the Consumer Protection Act together with the number of cases finally disposed of by the Consumer Courts during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the steps taken to increase the level of consumer awareness among the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) As per the information made available by the National Commission

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