

order release of sugar from the Buffer-Stock to augment domestic availability of sugar or for Export, as required.

Excavation Work in M.P.

392. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has carried out excavation work in Vijay Mandir (VijaMandal) at Vidisha City in Madhya Pradesh during the last one year; and

(b) if so, the details of archaeological material found there?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). Archaeological Survey of India has not carried out any excavation work in Vijamandal, a Centrally protected monument during the period under reference. However, in the course of conservation sculptural fragments and some pieces of stone have been found.

[English]

Availability of Foodgrains

* 393. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita availability of foodgrains in the country as per the latest estimates;

(b) the minimum quantity of foodgrains that are required as per the nutrition standards; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the per capita availability of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The net per capita availability of foodgrains has been provisionally estimated at 476.4 gms. per day for the year 1992.

(b) The recommended dietary allowance for Indians per consumption unit (c.u.) per day is 460 gms. of cereals, 40 gms. of pulses and 20 gms. of dietary fat/oil.

(c) To supplement the efforts of the State Governments for increasing crop production the Government is implementing Special Foodgrains Production Programme-Wheat (SFPP-Wheat); Special Foodgrains Production Programme-Maize & Millets (SFPP-Maize & Millets); Integrated Programme for Rice Development (IPRD); National Pulses Development Project (NPDP); Special Foodgrains Production Programme-Pulses (SFPP-Pulses), etc.

New Agricultural Policy

* 394. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO:
SHRI RAMDEW RAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of the discussion held recently with State Governments on Draft Agricultural Policy;

(b) whether the Government propose to finalise and announce the new Agricultural Policy in view of these discussions; and

(c) if so, the broad details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (c). The State Governments have broadly endorsed the objectives and thrust areas of the draft Agriculture Policy Resolution (APR) in the Conference of Chief Ministers held on 5th March, 1993.