

Cycles, Fire Extinguishers, Aluminum Framers, Iron Angles, Centrifugal Type Pumping Set, Compressor, Stabilizer, Generator, Room Heater, Padlock, Patela of Harrow, Iron Rods, Radiator, Jack Wrench, Pattia, etc.

(c) F. I. Rs have been lodged with the local police and in some cases, departmental action is in progress.

Modernisation of Sugar Factories

8211. SHRI RAM KAPSE : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering modernisation and rehabilitation of those sugar factories which are not economically viable during 1993—94; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State—wise :

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) and (b) : Modernisation / rehabilitation schemes have to be prepared by the sugar factories themselves. However, the Central Government is providing loans from the Sugar Development Fund on soft terms to Sugar Undertakings for modernisation/ rehabilitation of their plant and machinery. Any Sugar Undertaking which is approved by a financial institution for assistance under its relevant scheme for modernisation

and rehabilitation is eligible fulfilling the other conditions laid down.

No State—wise targets are fixed for disbursement of loans from the Sugar Development Fund and it depends on the applications received from the sugar factories.

Subsidy on Wheat and Rice

8212. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE :
SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had been providing subsidy on wheat and rice on increased rates upto December, 1992;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) :

(a) and (b) : The consumer subsidy and the carrying cost of buffer stocks was paid to Food Corporation of India during 1991—92 and 1992—93 (upto December, 1992) at the following rates:—

<i>Consumer Subsidy</i>	<i>1991—92 (Rs./Qtl.)</i>	<i>1992—93 (Rs./Qtl.) (Upto Dec., 92)</i>
<i>Wheat</i>	139.11	156.68
<i>Rice</i>	131.46	78.95
<i>Carrying Cost of Buffer Stock</i>	77.50	87.50

The rates for 1992—93 are provisional and the final rates will be known only after accounts of the Corporation are finalized and audited.

(c) : The rates of subsidy payable to the Food Corporation of India vary primarily on account of revision in the Minimum Support Prices and the Central Issue Prices.

Central Fisheries University

8213. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start a Central Fisheries University;

(b) if so, the details and the location thereof, and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) : Sir, There is no proposal to start a Central Fisheries University. A deemed university viz; Central Institute of Fishers Education is already functioning in Bombay.

Bhavnagar—Tarapur Railway Line

8214. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have decided to construct Bhavnagar—Tarapur Railway line on Western Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether surveys have been conducted in the past to study the feasibility of this project.

(d) if so, the details of the findings of the survey reports;

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. In 1976—77.

(d) and (e) Results of the survey were as under:

Length : 149.82 km's

Cost of Construction : Rs. 33.65 crores

Rate of return : Negative

The line could not be taken up for construction due to unremunerative nature of the project and constraint of resources.

Railway Projects in Assam

8215. SHRI PROBIN DEKA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some railway projects in North-east Frontier Railway in Assam are yet to be completed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to complete the projects as per Schedule, and

(d) the new projects proposed to be taken up during the Eighth Five Year Plan in the state along with the estimated cost of construction, project—wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A statement is attached