

(b) It is difficult to estimate the quantum of Wheat, Rice, Oil and Pulses required separately since the requirement of individual commodities depends upon a number of variable factors such as level of production, per capita income, availability of substitutes, consumer habits etc.

(c) The all-India average compound growth rate of production for the period 1980-81 to 1994-95 has been estimated to be 3.48 per cent per annum for Rice, 3.70 for Wheat, 1.67 for Total Pulses and 5.89 per cent per annum for Total Oilseeds.

[English]

SUPER BAZAR

1444. **Shri Rajnath Sonkar Shastri** : Will the Minister of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred Question No. 285 and 350 dated August 1, 1995 regarding Super Bazar and State :

(a) whether the grocery items supplied by the Haldi Ram Namkeen to Super Bazar were found sub-standard and adulterated during the last three years;

(b) if so, what is the good of claiming that Super Bazar has a system of laboratory testing of grocery items for ensuring quality;

(c) whether those items had not been tested before putting them on the sales counter; and

(d) the action taken against the guilty officials and to ensure selling of quality goods only?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution (Department of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution System) (Shri Vinod Sharma) : (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

NEW STORAGE TECHNOLOGY

1445. **Shri D. Venkateswara Rao** :
Shri Bolla Bulli Ramaiah :

Will the Minister of Food be pleased to state :

(a) whether food corporation of India has decided to adopt a new storage technology for Vacuum Processed storage to time over the crisis of surplus caused by massive stocks of Food-grains accumulated during the last three years;

(b) whether the expert committee examined the techno-economic feasibility of vacuum processed storage;

(c) if so, whether it has submitted its Report;

(d) if so, the recommendations made therein; and

(e) reaction of the Government thereto?

The Minister of Food (Shri Ajit Singh) : (a) to (c) M/s. Vacuum Process Storage Co. Ltd. Ireland had given a proposal for introduction of VPS System (Vacuum Process Storage System) in India. In order to examine the Techno-economic feasibility of the said VPS system Food corporation of India has appointed National Industrial Development Corporation as consultants for the same. National Industrial development Corporation Ltd. have not submitted their report yet.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

INCENTIVES FOR SPORTSPERSONS

1446. **Shri R. Surender Reddy** : Will the Minister of Human Resource Development be pleased to State :

(a) whether the Government propose to accord top priority to Sports and provide facilities, encouragement and incentives to sportspersons and students in the country so as enable them to complete successfully in the International Sports;

(b) if so, the details of the measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have any scheme to make the Sports Authority of India more active and result-oriented; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Youth Affairs and Sports) and the Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Mukul Wasnik) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A number of incentives and facilities are provided to sportspersons which include conferring of Awards/Cash rewards to medal winners at International Competitions, provision of international standard sports equipment, foreign coaches, Scientific back up, Air passage cost for participation in competitions abroad etc. Besides this Medal winners at Olympics and Gold Medal winners at Asian Games are given a monthly pension of Rs. 2000/- and Rs. 1500/- respectively. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) is also implementing various schemes to identify the talented sportspersons from amongst students and to provide intensive training and coaching facilities to them.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Government of India had engaged the Tata Consultancy Services to suggest improvement in the various schemes of SAI and to make them more active and results-oriented. Their report has recommended modifications in the schemes as follows :—

1. Development of a Scheme for broadbasing of sports through mass participation in educational networks.