

(a) the principal recommendations made in the interim report of the Working Group on manganese ore set up by Government;

(b) the steps taken by Government to implement them; and

(c) when the working Group is likely to submit its final report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) these are contained in Chapter VII of the "Interim Report of the Working Group on Manganese Industry". The Report is available in the Library of Lok Sabha.

(b) The report has since been discussed in an Inter-Ministerial meeting and the various problems relating to the Manganese Industry have been brought to the notice of the other Ministries concerned for taking further necessary action. A Standing Committee of senior officials of concerned ministries has also been constituted to coordinate the implementation.

(c) By the end of 1971

#### Setting up of Manganese Ore Development Corporation

4909 SHRI B. NARAYANAN ·  
SHRI SAMINATHAN .

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Manganese Ore Development Corporation; and if so, by which time the Corporation will come into being; and

(b) the aims and objectives of this Corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Effect on Indigenous Production of Oilseeds by Importing Edible Oils

4910. SHRI P NARASIMHA REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum and cost of edible oils proposed to be imported during the year 1971-72; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the adverse effect on indigenous production of oilseeds by such imports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a)

	Quantity (Tonnes)	c. i f value (Rs./crores)
Soyabean Oil	92,000	22 83
Rapeseed	50,000	5 85

(b) The imports are intended to meet the short-fall in indigenous production *vis-a-vis* demand and can, therefore, have no adverse effect thereon. Indigenous production of edible oilseeds and oils is largely governed by the prevailing weather conditions, the production in the current year being the highest on record so far.

#### Assessment of Cost of Production of Agricultural Commodities

4911. SHRI T. BALAKRISHNIAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme to assess the cost of production of agricultural commodities and input by the Central Government;

(b) the agencies carrying out the scheme, and

(c) whether there is any such agency in Andhra Pradesh?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHFR SINGH)** (a) The Government of India have initiated a comprehensive scheme for studying the cost of cultivation of principal crops in different States and regions in the country in a phased manner. The scheme envisages collection of detailed information on inputs used in the cultivation of principal crops from samples of holdings selected for the study in different States.

(b) and (c) Sanctions for the implementation of the comprehensive scheme have been issued so far for fifteen States including Andhra Pradesh. The following agencies have been entrusted with the implementation of the scheme in these States:

<i>State</i>	<i>Institution</i>
Andhra Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University, Hyderabad
Assam	Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat
Bihar	Rajendra Agricultural University Patna
Gujarat	Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar
Haryana	Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar
Kerala	University of Kerala, Trivandrum

<i>State</i>	<i>Institution</i>
Madhya Pradesh	Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Jabalpur
Maharashtra	Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri.
Mysore	University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore
Orissa	Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar.
Punjab	Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana.
Rajasthan	University of Udaipur, Udaipur
Tamil Nadu	Agricultural College and Research Institute, Coimbatore
Uttar Pradesh	U P Agricultural University, Pantnagar.
West Bengal	University of Kalyani, Kalyani

The overall supervision and coordination of work under the scheme will be carried out by a central Unit being set up under the Ministry.

#### Ground Water Development Scheme during the Fourth Plan

4912 SHRI T BALAKRISHNIAH - Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any scheme known as the Ground Water Development Scheme for implementation during the 4th Plan;

(b) how many projects have been started so far upto 31st March, 1971 in the States,