

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SARDAR SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The overall performance of the sugar industry cannot be termed as poor.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Import of Edible Oil**

\*128. SHRI D.S. AHIRE:  
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of various edible oil imported during 1998 till date and the foreign exchange spend thereon;

(b) the demand and supply of edible oil in the country at present;

(c) whether due to adulteration of mustard oil, the stock of edible oil has declined;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to review the decision on import of Palmolein and other edible oil;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps being taken by the Government to make the country self-reliant in the field of edible oil and to reduce the import of edible oil?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SARDAR SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) The quantity of the various edible oils imported during 1998 (January - October) is estimated to be 14.48 lakh MT valued at around Rs. 4060 crores.

(b) The demand and supply of edible oils from domestic sources in the country in the Oil Year 1998-99 is estimated to be 82 lakh MT and 68 lakh MT respectively.

(c) and (d) Due to detection of adulteration of mustard oil and measures taken to ensure flow of only tested

and safe mustard oil to the market, there was some setback to the availability of edible oils in the market. However, the availability situation has almost normalised.

(e) and (f) Review of the need to import edible oils including palmolein is a continuing exercise. Factors like demand and supply position of edible oils in the country, domestic and international prices of oils etc. are considered in the matter.

(g) Steps are being taken by the Ministry of Agriculture under their Technology Mission on Oilseeds to augment the productivity and production of oilseeds in the country by increasing research efforts, increasing MSP for various oilseeds, giving Central Assistance for production and distribution of quality seeds etc.

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#### **Quality Control and Supply of Medicines to CGHS Dispensaries**

\*129. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any quality control is enforced on the medicines stocked in medical store depots;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the tests conducted by the drug controller during 1997;

(c) whether medicines in CGHS Dispensaries are generally out of stock and the CGHS beneficiaries/patients are asked to buy the medicines from the market;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to supply adequate stock of medicines to dispensaries and re-imburse the money of the medicines so purchased by the beneficiaries expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) Every batch of drug purchased by the Medical Store Organisation (MSO) is taken into account stock only after it is tested and cleared either in the Depot's own laboratory or in Govt. approved laboratories. Samples are also drawn by the zonal officers of the Central Drug Control Departments for quality checking in the Govt. testing laboratories. Drugs purchased by the CGHS Medical Stores Depot through the M.S.O. are tested on random basis and also in all cases of complaints received from beneficiaries.