

land, for maintenance of services till these are transferred to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

(d) and (e). Depreciation @ 2.5% P.A on the cost of construction is permitted.

#### **Cost of Packaging**

\*962. SHRI V. KRISHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of packaging material cost in the total cost of final processed food; and

(b) the steps taken to reduce the cost of packaging material so as to encourage the food processing industry?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINSTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b). The percentage of cost of packaging material in the total cost of processed foods varies from product to product. However, according to the Indian Institute of Packaging, the packaging material costs in relation to retail selling price are between 20% to 35% in most cases. Various measures like reduction of duties on packaging material, packaging machinery and upgradation of technology are being undertaken from time to time to reduce the cost of packaging in the processed foods.

#### **Deep Sea Fishing Trawlers**

9980. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days on which deep-sea fishing trawlers actually went on for fishing during 1989-90;

(b) whether any questionnaire has

been sent to all individual companies asking them to furnish the data in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the response received from those companies?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINSTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b). Government did not monitor the number of days on which deep sea fishing trawlers actually went for fishing during 1989-90. The Government has not sent any questionnaire to individual companies asking them to furnish data with regard to actual number of fishing days during 1989-90.

(c) and (d). Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

#### **MNCs in Food Processing Industry**

9981. DR. KAILASH MEGHWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to instal food processing units in collaboration with multinational companies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND MINSTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b). Ministry of Food Processing Industries have no proposals to instal food processing units in collaboration with multinational companies.

#### **News Item Captioned 'Purchase of Sub-Standard Drugs by the Health Department, Punjab**

9982. SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: