

seeds cultivation and its procurement through a Price Support Scheme and assured collection; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (DR. G. S. DHILLON)** : (a) The Total area under oilseeds increased from 186.9 lakh hectares during 1985-84 to about 188.7 lakh hectares during 1985-86.

(b) and (c). The National Oilseeds and Vegetable Oils Development Board has taken up a pilot project for diversification of areas from rainfed wheat to rapeseed mustard in seven States namely, Bihar, Gujarat, Manipur, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The Project provides for large sized demonstrations, organising of field days and also effective monitoring of progress.

The Price support scheme of Government for oilseeds is being implemented through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAPED) as the nodal agency. Under this scheme the producers are assured that the price of their produce would not be allowed to fall below support prices which are fixed with a view to inducing them to increase oilseeds production.

The procurement operations during the last two years are as follows :

Commodity	1984-85	1985-86 (in MTs)
1. Mustard/ Rapeseeds	76,784	13,446
2. Soybean	70,782	1,91,666

Report of Committee on Consumer Price Index

**\*79. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO** : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) when did the Committee of Consumer Price Index Numbers submit its report to Government;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision on the recommendations of the Committee;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the date by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA)** : (a) The Soal Committee set up by Government of India, the go into the question of preparing a new series of Consumer Price Index Numbers, submitted its report on 29.8. 1981.

(b) Yes, Sir. The recommendations of the Soal Committee have been accepted with some modifications.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Transfer of Engineers in Delhi Development Authority

**\*81 SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN** : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Assistant Engineers and Junior Engineers working in East Zone of the Delhi Development Authority who were transferred during the last two years; and

(b) how many of them belonged to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, category-wise ?

**THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI)** : (a) 68 Assistant Engineers and 101 Junior Engineers working in East Zone of DDA were transferred during the last two years.

(b) 7 Assistant Engineers and 17 Junior Engineers out of them belonged to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Category.