

(b) As the Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised so far, it is not possible at this stage to furnish the details

### **Flats to freedom fighters**

[*Translation*]

950. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the freedom fighters are allotted flats in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria fixed in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) to (c). Chairman /Vice-Chairman of the DDA can allot flats on out of turn basis upto a maximum of 2.5% of the total number of flats allotted during a year in cases of extreme hardship on compassion and to outstanding sportsmen, defence personnel who have won gallantry awards and other persons who have performed distinguished service in various fields of national life. However, there is no separate quota for freedom fighters.

[*English*]

### **Use of Acupuncture system**

951. SHRI RAMESHWAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of hospitals, dispensaries and health centres run by the Government or with the Government's aid in which the Acupuncture System is being used; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by the Union Government to encourage the Acupuncture System?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY):(a) and (b). This system is not yet formally recognised in India. However, some people have received training abroad and are also conducting training in our country. Some trained persons are practising it in central government hospitals, like Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. RML Hospital, Lok Naik Jai Prakash Narain Hospital etc.

### **Aid by SDF for by—Product Development Scheme**

952. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether multiple uses of alcohol has assumed greater relevance in the context of the latest oil crisis.

(b) if so, whether diversification of projects of sugar factories is likely to help in lowering the cost of production of sugar due to cost-sharing by the by-products; and

(c) if so, whether assistance for by-products development schemes is being extended from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF) to the co-operative sugar factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. While computing the conversion cost of sugar for levy purposes the earnings on by—products, such as bagasse and molasses, are already taken into account. The diversification projects of sugar factories may not necessarily result in reduction in the

cost of production of sugar, but may ultimately contribute to the overall profitability of the sugar factory.

(c) No financial assistance for by-product development schemes is being extended from the Sugar Development Fund to the cooperative sugar factories.

#### **Concession to Vanaspati Industry**

953. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of the concession given to Vanaspati industry by way of reduction in the price of imported vegetable oils to the industry during the last three years, year-wise and how is the value thereof computed;

(b) the year-wise percentage of the production of vanaspati for the above period compared to the availability of all other cooking oils and fats during these years; and

(c) the total quantity of edible grade rice bran oil produced in the country in the said period and its consumption pattern thereof after refining and the quantity produced by Vanaspati industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) There has been no allocation of imported Vegetable oils to vanaspati industry since November, 1988 (Oil- year, 1988-89).

(b) The percentage of production of Vanaspati during the last three years compared to the availability of other cooking oils and fats is as under:—

*(in lakh MTs)*

<i>Oil year (Nov. Oct.)</i>	<i>Production of Vanaspati</i>	<i>Total availability of cooking oils &amp; fats (Import plus indigenous production)</i>	<i>% of Van. to total cooking oils &amp; fats</i>
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*(in lakh MTs)*

<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
1987-88	9.86	55.86	17.65
1988-89	9.70	53.23	18.22
1989-90	8.80	55.79	15.77

(c) The total production of edible grade rice bran oil in the country and its consumption

in the manufacture of Vanaspati are as under:-