

(b) Prices of vanaspati, in the operation of market forces, fluctuate in sympathy with those of edible oils. There has been more or less a corresponding increase in the prices of oils that go into the manufacture of vanaspati.

(c) The average monthly production of vanaspati ranges between 45,000—50,000 tonnes. The Directorate of Vanaspati monitors production levels of the vanaspati units and checks the usage of different oils in the manufacture of the product.

(d) There is no proposal at present to take over the manufacture and distribution of vanaspati.

जयगढ़ किले में खजाने का पता लगाने पर हुआ खर्च

*393. श्री मीठा लाल पटेल : क्या वित्त तथा राजस्व और बैंकिंग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जयगढ़ किले (जयपुर) में छिपे हुए खजानों की खोज करने के लिए सरकार ने कितनी बार प्रयास किया;

(ख) क्या खजानों की खोज पर हुए खर्च में जयपुर घराने ने भी योगदान दिया था; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी तथ्य क्या है?

वित्त तथा राजस्व और बैंकिंग मंत्री (श्री एच० एम० पटेल) : (क) फरवरी से मई 1975 की अवधि में जयगढ़ किले की आय कर अधिनियम, 1961 की धारा 132 के अन्तर्गत तीन बार तलाशी ली गई थी। लेकिन जिस खजाने के बारे में विश्वास है कि वह किले में छिपाया हुआ है उस की खोज का कार्य कर्नल भवानी सिंह के साथ हुए करार की

शर्तों के अनुसार, जून 1976 में शुरू किया गया था और नवम्बर, 1976 में छोड़ दिया गया।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Uncertainty in S.T.C., N.T.C. and M.M.T.C.

*394. SHRI D. D. DESAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has seen the report in the *Financial Express* of June 16, 1977 to the effect that uncertainty about their future is haunting the top brass in the State Trading Corporation, the National Textile Corporation and the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation; and

(b) if so, his reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no reason for the officials of STC, NTC and MMTTC to feel uncertain about their future. While enquiries have been initiated against certain officers against whom complaints of corruption or serious malpractices have been received, the number of such officers is very small and Government would follow due process in such cases. The Government's policy is to support and protect honest officers while performing their duty and encourage them to take prompt decisions keeping the public interest in view.

Proposed reduction in Salaries of Employees belonging to Subsidiaries of General Insurance Corporation

*395. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the basic salaries of about