

### **To Setup A Paddy Straw Factory**

83. SH. LAKSHMAN NAPA, M.L.A.: Will the Cooperation Minister be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that a rice mill cotton factory and oil Mill had been set up by the HAFED in Ratia but now these factories have been closed; if so, the reasons thereof;
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to set up a paddy staw factory at the places of the above said factories togetherwith the details thereof?

#### **Dr. Banwari Lal, Cooperation Minister**

- a) Sir, it is a fact that Hafed had set up a Rice Mill and a Ginning and Cotton Seed Processing Plant at Ratia in the year 1981-82. The Ginning Mill and cotton seed processing plant was closed down in the year 2000-2001. The business of this unit was adversely affected because Government Institutions like National Textile Corporation, Tamil Nadu Textile Corporation, Spinfed, Odisha, etc., which were purchasing cotton bales from this unit had discontinued purchases due to their bad financial condition. The unit also suffered losses on account of non realisation of proceeds from sale to the Private Sector.

The rice mill at Ratia has been leased out to a private miller from 2018.

- b) No, sir.