

[English]

**Symposium on Emergence of Racism  
in Fiji**

208. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:  
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether a symposium on 'Emer-  
gence of Racism in Fiji' was held in New  
Delhi on 15 September, 1990; and

(b) if so, the revelations made therein  
about the life of Indians in Fiji?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AF-  
FAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA):  
(a) Yes, Sir. The India International Centre  
hosted a Symposium "Emergence of Racism  
in Fiji" at its premises in New Delhi on  
15.9.1990. The Symposium was Chaired by  
the former Minister of State for External  
Affairs, Shri Hari Kishore Singh. The speakers  
included Shri Jairam Reddy, Shri Mahender  
Chowdhury and Shri Navin Maharaj—  
member of a Fijian delegation comprising of  
Ministers in the ousted Coalition Government  
led by Dr. Bavadra. Three former Indian High  
Commissioners to Fiji also participated.

(b) The speakers revealed the numer-  
ous discriminations faced by the people of  
Indian origin in Fiji including the possible  
expiry of land leases from 1996 and the  
marked decline in educational and job (es-  
pecially civil services) opportunities. The  
speakers also dwelt at length on the grue-  
some tale of threats and violence practised  
on the people of Indian origin in Fiji to force  
many of them to leave and to silence the rest.  
The speakers stated that the purpose of the  
July, 1990 Constitution was to marginalise  
Fijians of Indians origin forever and to es-  
tablish perpetual dominance by those who  
claim to be native Fijians.

**New Agricultural Policy**

209. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:  
SHRI MANDHATA SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether an Agricultural Policy  
resolution has been framed and finalized on  
the lines of the Industrial Policy Resolution;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is proposed to be  
announced?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND  
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MIN-  
ISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a)  
and (b). No, Sir. The Draft Agricultural Policy  
Resolution is under preparation.

(c) Efforts are being made to finalise the  
new agricultural policy as early as possible.

**Increase in Auto-Rickshaw and Taxi  
Fares in Delhi**

210. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:  
Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Auto-Rickshaw/Taxi fares  
in Delhi were increased following the recent  
25 percent hike in prices of petrol and pe-  
troleum products; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-  
SOURCE AND MINISTER OF SURFACE  
TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI  
KOTADIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The rates of Auto-  
Rickshaw/Taxi Fares were raised by 12 1/2  
% of the existing rates with effect from  
16.10.1990 following the recent 25% hike in  
prices of petrol and petroleum products.