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Doctors in CRPF, PSF and ITBP

518. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Doctors working in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Border Security Force (BSF), and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP);

(b) whether they are being governed by the rules and regulations applicable to the Central Police Organisations;

(c) if so, whether these doctors are given the salary in accordance with the ranks given to them; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIM. M. JACOB): (a) The number of Doctors working is 227 in CRPF, 242 in BSF and 97 in ITBP.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The pay scales of Medical Officers in CRPF, BSF and ITBP have already been revised on the basis of the 4th pay Commission's recommendations with effect from 1.1.1986.

[Translation]

Gas Plant at Aonla (U.P.)

519. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed gas plant in Aonla (U.P.) has since started functioning;

(b) if so, the amount spent on the same so far and the further expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) and (b). IFFCO have commissioned a gas based fertiliser plant at Aonla at a cost of Rs. 665. 27 crores.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Self-Sufficiency in Oil Technology

520. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADYAY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any project for achieving self-sufficiency in oil technology in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which such technology will be operative; and

(d) if not, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) to (d). Advancement of technology is a continuous process and it is in the interest of the country to use the best possible technology available.

[Translation]

Expert Group on Floriculture Development

521. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: