

(c) whether the GIST Card support the standard code and can it process all the characters used in Vedic Sanskrit; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether such a code is being followed by Sanskrit researchers abroad as well; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has prepared the draft Indian Standard for Indian Script Code for Information Interchange (ISCII). This draft standard was prepared by the panel which included representatives from the Department of Electronics (DOE), National Centre for Software Technology (NCST), Bombay, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Pune and CMC Limited.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Graphics and Intelligence based Script Technology (GIST) Card can process characters used in Vedic Sanskrit (with accent) as defined in BIS Standards.

(d) No, Sir.

Assistance for Coir Workers Welfare Fund Scheme

3063. SHRI T. J. ANJALOSE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any representation seeking assistance for the Coir Workers Welfare Fund Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to give any assistance for implementing the above scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) In December, 1990, the Coir Board requested the Government to allow them to contribute a sum of Rs. 25 lakhs to the Kerala Coir Workers Welfare Fund.

(c) and (d) The matter is under examination in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Bagasse based Newsprint Units in Maharashtra

3064. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the progress regarding the setting up of a baggasse based newsprint industrial unit at Neemgaon, District Solapur, Maharashtra;

(b) the reasons for delay in setting up the unit for which all preliminary requirements have since been completed; and

(c) the time by which the unit is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) M/s Western Maharashtra Development Corporation Ltd. (WMDC) had been issued a Letter of Intent on 31-8-1990 for setting up a new undertaking for the manufacture of bagasse based newsprint at Neemgaon in District Solapur (Maharashtra). WMDC had proposed the project in Joint Sector