

procedures. The IMD also send advisory messages to Mauritius Meteorological Service whenever there is a cyclonic storm in the vicinity of Mauritius.

(b) An Agreement on Co-operation in the field of Science and Technology between India and Mauritius was signed in New Delhi in January, 1990.

(c) The bilateral Science and Technology Agreement provides for cooperation inter-alia in the fields of agriculture, oceanography, atmospheric sciences, medical research, building research, environment and renewable energy on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. Such cooperation will be effected through visits of scientists, bilateral seminars, identification of scientific and technical problems of common interest and formulation and implementation of joint research programmes.

The agreement is valid for a period of five years and shall be automatically extended for further periods of five years at a time, unless either party gives notice to the other party of its intention to terminate this agreement 12 months before the expiry of the said period.

[*Translation*]

Implementation of Reservation Policy for SCs/STs in Various Departments

4960. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the names of such departments where the reservation policy for scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is not implemented and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): This Ministry is not

aware of any Ministry Department where the Policy of Reservation is not being implemented.

[*English*]

Black Marketing of Butter

4961. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether butter in Delhi is out of stock;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the butter is being sold in black market at much higher rates; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to prevent the black marketing of butter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Price of Newsprint

4962. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that four Public Sector Paper Mills have increased their price of newsprint recently;

(b) if so, the impact thereof on the newspaper industry;

(c) whether the Indian Newspaper Society have recently represented to the Government for immediate reduction of prices; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?