

(d) To improve viability of sugar factories Government have taken various measures as continuation of levy freesale ratio at 45:55 grant of incentives by way of higher freesale quota on production achieved during early and late crushing periods grant of loans from the Sugar Development Fund at concessional rates of interest for cane development schemes as well as for modernisation/rehabilitation

[English]

Supply of Samples by FCI

5408 DR C SILVERA Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has been supplying samples of items of Fair Price Shops in Delhi and other States

(b) if not the reasons therefor and

(c) the action taken to ensure supply of samples of each item to Fair Price Shops invariably in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) and (b) Food Corporation of India (FCI) does not directly supply samples of foodgrains to the fair price shops. The samples are drawn jointly by FCI and the concerned State wholesale agency and it is the responsibility of the said agency to make available the samples to the respective fair price shops for display.

(c) No action is called for as far as FCI is concerned.

Research and Development of Ancient Weaponary System

5409 SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI Will the Minister of HUMAN

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the ancient Indian texts such as Vedas depict a very highly developed weaponry system particularly the Agnivana in India

(b) whether there is any proposal to develop and encourage research facilities in this regard

(c) if so the details thereof and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) Yes Sir

(b) to (d) Government of India has established Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan whose policy is to encourage and support any scholar who would approach for assistance with requisite qualifications to pursue Vedas, Vedangas and Upvedas which includes Dhanurveda also.

Family Planning

5410 SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Family Planning has become quite costly in the recent past and is likely to become costlier in future

(b) if so the action contemplated to provide cheap family planning methods

(c) whether the Government are considering a proposal to involve the non allopathic doctors in villages in the Family Planning Programme and

(d) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The cost of providing Family Planning services for prevention of one birth is very low in comparison to the total cost involved in providing services and facilities for bringing up and supporting an individual person and this would be the position in future also.

(b) Different contraceptive devices/methods are offered under the Family Welfare Programme for adoption by the individual acceptors best suited to their choice. These are made available either free of charge or on subsidised cost under social marketing schemes. Continuous efforts are on to evolve more acceptable, effective and low cost methods of contraception. As Maternal and Child Health Care is an integral part of the Family Welfare Programme and closely related to family planning, immunisation coverage and other important Maternal and Child Health Care interventions are provided to the people free of cost.

(c) and (d). Involvement of non-allopathic doctors is one of the elements of the Action Plan formulated recently by the Government to impart a new thrust and dynamism to the Family Welfare Programme. This Action Plan is now being operationalised through the State Governments and UTs Administrations.

[*Translation*]

Research Projects In Social Sciences

4511. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission provides financial assistance

for the small research projects in social sciences every years;

(b) if so, the details of the eligibility conditions prescribed for these projects and the process and norms adopted to select the applicants for this purpose; and

(c) the details of such projects approved in February 1992?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). According to the information furnished by UGC, the Commission provides financial assistance under the Minor Research Projects Programme in Humanities and Social Sciences to University and College Teachers to enable them to undertake a short-term research projects or investigation for a doctoral degree. Permanent teachers of eligible Colleges are required to submit their proposals to the Commission which are considered by its Expert Committees. For University Teachers such projects are approved by the Universities themselves. The Commission has informed that for college teachers, 78 minor research projects in the field of social sciences were last approved in September, 1991

Hindi Advisory Committee

5412. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the panel for Hindi Advisory Committee has been reconstituted recently;

(b) if so, the composition and scope of this panel; and

(c) whether the panel has been advised to take up some new work in connection with