

अनुदान दिए जाते हैं। निहायत विशेष मामलों में स्वीकृत व्यय के 60 प्रतिशत और अधिकतम 50,000/- रुपये के आधार पर स्वच्छिक संस्थाओं को भवन अनुदान भी स्वीकृत किए जाते हैं।

Memorandum from students of College of Science, Indian Veterinary Institute

3087. SHRI P. K. KODIYAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students of the Post graduate College of Animal Sciences, Indian Veterinary Institute, Izatnagar have recently submitted a memorandum urging the Government to give university status to the institute; and

(b) if so, decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have received a memorandum from the students of the Post-Graduate College of Animal Sciences, Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, requesting the Government to either confer Deemed University status on the Institute or affiliate it to the Rohilkhand University, Bareilly.

(b) The proposal for conferring Deemed University, status to the Institute is under consideration of the University Grants Commission.

In the meanwhile, the Rohilkhand University, Bareilly, under whose territorial limits Post-Graduate College of Animal Sciences, IVRI, falls, has arranged to conduct the M.V.Sc. Examination in July, 1977.

Construction of underground Shopping Centre at Connaught Place New Delhi.

3088. SHRI P. K. KODIYAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the New Delhi Municipal Committee's prestigious project for construction of an underground Shopping Centre at Connaught Place is being executed in violation of the Delhi Master Plan and without the approval of the Delhi Urban Art Commission; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A report has been called for from the New Delhi Municipal Committee.

I.C.A.R. and Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board

3089. SHRI DHARMA VIR VASIST: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he received complaints against the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi;

(b) whether the name of the Director General, I.C.A.R. was also involved in the complaints;

(c) the action if any taken in the matter; and

(d) whether views of other institutes numbering twenty-seven were placed before and considered by Government before taking decision in (c) above?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) No complaints have been received from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute against the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) or Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board. Representations have, however, been received from individual scientists as also from the Scientific and Technical Staff Association, I.A.R.I., New Delhi, on various matters relating to the service conditions of the scientists and technical personnel of the Institute. The major demands made in these representations are for (i) scrapping the interviews for five-yearly assessment of scientists under the Agricultural Research Service, (ii) upgradation of Grade 'S' Scientists (Rs. 550--900) to Grade S-1 Scientists (Rs. 700--1300) of the Agricultural Research Service, and (iii) revision of the scales of Heads of Divisions on the model of U.G.C. scales of pay.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In so far as the representations regarding the scrapping of interviews are concerned, it has since been decided that while 'interview' will not be compulsory, opportunity should, at the same time, be provided to the scientist to appear before the Assessment Committee for a personal discussion if he so desires to enable him to project his work and achievements during the period under assessment. In other words, the scientist himself can decide whether or not he wishes to have an opportunity for discussion with the Board. As regards the upgradation of Grade 'S' Scientists and the revision of the scale of pay of Heads of Divisions, the demands are under consideration of the Council.

(d) The decision to make the interviews optional was taken in consultation with the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board as provided in the rules. Consultation with the ICAR Institutes was not necessary.

Committee on Development of Agriculture

3091. **SHRI SAMAR GUHA:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government announced publicly that development of Agriculture should be the key-note of its planning for national development;

(b) if so, whether the Government have set up any Expert Committee to study the problems and requirements related to structural and policy change in regard to development of Agriculture all over the country;

(c) whether the Government have thought over the issue of quantum of allocation of fund for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the principles related to the expected plan and programme of development of national agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government accords primacy to agricultural development.

(b) to (d). Keeping in view the key role of agriculture in the nation's life, the outlay on agriculture and allied services, including cooperation, fertilisers, irrigation, flood control and power for agriculture, has been enhanced from Rs. 2,312 crores in 1976-77 to Rs. 3,024 crores in 1977-78, or an increase of about 31 per cent. The Government have not set up any expert Committee as such to study the problems and requirements related to structural and policy changes in regard to the development of agriculture all over the country. However, the recently reconstituted Planning Commission is expected to undertake detailed exercise relating, *inter-alia* to structural and policy changes as also the resource allocation required for the development of agriculture within the framework of the national plan for overall economic development.