

Technology for Vaccine Production

5932. SHRI C.P. THAKUR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Science and Technology have allowed import of technology for vaccine production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) A new Department of Bio-Technology has been formed in the Ministry of Science and Technology. While this department will deal with manufacture and application of cell based vaccines, it has not so far allowed import of technology for vaccine production.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Department will consider the need for import of technology in vaccine production taking into account the present needs on a case to case basis.

Social Forestry in Andhra Pradesh

5933. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are encouraging social forestry in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the area brought under forestry and amount spent during Sixth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the targets for Seventh Five Year Plan and the amount allocated ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) During the Sixth Five Year Plan period 2.92 lakh ha. were afforested. This includes the national hectarage accounted

for distribution of seedings under the farm forestry programme reckoned at 2000 seedlings per hectare. An amount of Rs. 33.16 crores was spent directly on such afforestation.

(c) It is proposed to raise Social forestry block plantations over 80,000 ha. and to cover 50,000 ha. under farm forestry in the State, at an estimated cost of Rs. 65.7 crores from the forestry sector outlay during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

Winding up of Science and Technology Field Station at Bankura

5934. SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to wind up Science and Technology field station at Bankura in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

P.M.'S Meeting with Pakistan's Prime Minister

5935. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : DR. B.L. SHAILESH :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister met recently his counterpart of Pakistan and discussed about normalisation of relations between the two countries; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussions held and reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b). Bilateral relations were reviewed at the meeting which was held at Stockholm on