

Under the scheme it is proposed to multiply planting material of promising varieties layout demonstration plots and supply input kits to the farmers.

(c) The total financial requirement of the scheme is Rs. 1.21 crores.

**Superfast Train Between Trivandrum and Varanasi**

653. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any memorandum from the South Indian Welfare Movement, Allahabad unit requesting the introduction of a superfast train from Trivandrum to Varanasi has been received; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Presently not found operationally feasible.

[*Translation*]

**World Bank Report on Evaluation of Economies of Developing Countries**

654. SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the comments made by the World Bank with regard to the Indian economy in particular, in their report presented on the evaluation of the economies of developing countries of the World;

(b) whether the World Bank has made some suggestions to strengthen the Indian economy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) The World Development Report 1989, published recently by the World Bank focuses on the role of financial systems in development, as the special topic of this year's Report. While discussing financial systems in developing countries the Report refers to India's indigenous banking systems. The impressive growth of capital markets in India has also been referred to.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

**Construction of Sea Walls in Coastal Areas of Orissa**

655. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have constructed sea walls in the coastal areas in some States;

(b) if so, the names of the States where such sea walls have been constructed with Central assistance;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to build such sea walls along the coastal line of Orissa; and

(d) if so, the amount sanctioned by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY

OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Considering the severity and dimension of the problem of sea erosion, the Central Government is giving loan assistance only to Government of Kerala for constructing sea walls in certain specified reaches.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

### **Export of Non-Basmati Rice to African Countries**

657. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to export non-basmati rice to African Countries; and

(b) if so, the quantity of different variety of non-basmati rice proposed to be exported to different African Countries during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSI): (a) and (b). During 1989-90 export of non-basmati rice has been allowed within a limited ceiling. The export ceiling has been placed at the disposal of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for issue of ceiling slips to the exporters. APEDA has not received any application indicating any African country as the destination of export so far.

### **Suggestions made by Aid India Consortium**

658. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:  
SHRI R.M. BHOYE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Aid India Consortium suggested to Government of India to reduce the widening fiscal deficit in order to establish a sound base for sustained higher growth;

(b) whether any specific suggestions have been made in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) to (c). At the India Consortium Meeting held in Paris on June 19-20, 1989, members appreciated the progress achieved by Government of India in reducing the budget deficit. Some of them said that they looked forward to further improvement in this direction. However, no specific suggestions were made in this regard.

[*Translation*]

### **Damage to Railway Properties during Agitations**

659. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the damage done to Railway property during March-June, 1989 as a result of various agitations, zone-wise;