

[English]

Studies by ITRC and CFTRI on Food Adulteration

4325. DR. (SHRIMATI) PADMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Industrial Toxicology Research Centre (ITRC) and the Central Food and Toxicology Research Institute (CFTRI) have undertaken any field studies on food adulteration;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action taken on these studies;

(c) whether ICAR and ICMR have also been working on similar projects separately;

(d) whether an inter-institutional coordination has ever been attempted in these areas and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to have such a coordination in respect of eco-health survey as announced by the ITRC to ensure conservation of limited facilities and broader and wider participation and application, utilising the expertise of the various institutions; and

(f) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir, ITRC has undertaken two surveys on food colour usage during the last two decades. The first survey covering a period of ten years indicated indiscriminate use of non-permitted colour in 70% of coloured eatables. The second survey showed that their use diminished by over 50%. A higher use of non-permitted colours has been noted in rural markets. The findings have been intimated to the Ministry of Health through the

Prevention of Food Adulteration Committee.

CFTRI also undertakes analysis of appellate food samples the results of which are reported to DGHS for necessary action.

(c) No, Sir, the ICAR-ICMR panel has been working in collaboration by meeting from time to time to discuss areas of activity. ICAR scientists take care of agricultural aspects whereas health aspects are looked into by the ICMR scientists.

(d) Yes, Sir, apart from the ICMR-ICAR panel, the ICMR task force on "Monitoring and surveillance of food contaminant hazards in India" is composed of representatives of the Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, the Bhagalpur University, ITRC, Lucknow, CFTRI, Mysore, The National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), the National Institute of Occupational Health (NIOH) and the Central Food Laboratories at Calcutta and Pune

(e) and (f) ITRC undertook an Eco-Health Survey in Respect of Delhi and an announcement about which was made on 26.11.91. The Eco-Health Survey announced by ITRC was a laboratory programme. At present ITRC does not have a plan for creating a collaborative set up for an Eco-Health Survey

Foreign Investments In Hotel and Tourism

4326 SHRI B.N REDDY Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether hotel and tourism related industries will be eligible for approval for direct foreign investment upto 51% foreign equity, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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