

by the Government. However, the suggestions have been noted.

National Sericulture Project

4724. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any difficulty, is being faced in the implementation of National Sericulture project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to achieve better coordination amongst different agencies involved in the implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) (a) and (b). The National Sericulture Project with an outlay of Rs. 555 crores is being implemented by the Central Silk Board (CSB) and the State Governments of 5 traditional States. The CSB is implementing the project in 20 districts of 12 non-traditional States.

In spite of the complexity of the project, the progress of its implementation has, by and large, been satisfactory. In order to achieve better coordination among different agencies involved in implementation of the project, a National level Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Textiles) has been constituted to review/monitor the entire project periodically. Similarly, the traditional States have constituted Steering Committees for effective implementation of their respective components. In pilot States, District level monitoring Committees have been constituted for the purpose.

Rehabilitation Centres for War-Widows In Sikkim

4725. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some rehabilitation centres for the war-widows have been set up in Sikkim;

(b) if so, the locations thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether some amount has been allocated by the Government to these centres during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of the activities of these centres;

(e) whether some criteria has been laid down to have a watch on the functioning of these centres;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No rehabilitation centre for war widows has been set up in Sikkim.

(b) to (g). Do not arise.

Imparting of Training to Foreign Airmen

4726. SHRIMANORANAJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any training is being provided to the airmen of various foreign countries;

(b) if so, the names of such foreign countries; and

(c) the conditions on which such training is being provided?