

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the difficulties being faced by these institutions in accelerating the research and invention work in the country; and

(f) the remedial measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (d). There are about 400 National Research Laboratories/institutes and around 200 universities including deemed universities and institutes of national importance, which are engaged in research and development work in the country. These institutes are undertaking research and development programmes in the areas of basic sciences and engineering, which are in line with the overall plan priorities.

(e) and (f). Some of the requirements for research include availability of infrastructure for research, trained manpower, sophisticated equipment, library/journals and computing facilities. Several steps have been taken to accelerate research capabilities at these institutes, e.g. (a) Enhanced Funding for Research infrastructure; (b) setting up of National R&D facilities; (c) enhanced Fellowships and project support to young scientists (d) Training programmes for scientists.

Family Welfare Services

6057. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has sponsored Rural Family Welfare Services in the country;

(b) if so, the name of the States where these services are being implemented;

(c) whether any such centrally sponsored scheme is being implemented in the State of Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Rural Family Welfare Services are being provided throughout the country through a net work of Rural Family Welfare Centres, Primary Health Centres, Sub Centres and Community Health Centres.

(c) and (d). The centrally sponsored scheme of Family Welfare is being implemented in the State of Rajasthan through 232 Rural Family Welfare Centres, 1453 primary Health Centres, 8000 Sub-Centres and 246 Community Health Centres.

[Translation]

Achievements of CSIR

6058. SHRI KESRI LAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the remarkable achievements of C.S.I.R. in the field of rural development during the last three years;

(b) the aspects of rural development on which more heed has been paid so far in view of these achievements/researches; and

(c) the achievements of C.S.I.R. in mobilising basic facilities in rural areas and improving the living standard of rural people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Significant achievements of CSIR in the field of Rural Development during the last 3 years i.e. 1992-93 are given the enclosed Statement.

(b) For greater diffusion of CSIR developed Rural Technologies, emphasis has been laid on training and demonstration programmes. CSIR has also actively participated in a number of Exhibition/ Agro-fairs, thereby covering important areas as under :

- (i) Low-cost building materials and construction technologies
- (ii) Cultivation and processing of medicinal and aromatic plants
- (iii) Food and agro-based technologies
- (iv) Drinking water
- (v) Leather and animal based technologies
- (vi) Glass and ceramic products
- (vii) Energy saving devices (Chulahs, kilns)

CSIR is compiling a Compendium of some 350 Rural Technologies, both in Hindi and English, for distribution among the potential users.

(c) CSIR efforts have helped in providing low-cost improved shelter, food conservation, low-cost nutrition, drinking water, biomass conservation, upgradation of artisanal skills for higher productivity, new technologies for cottage industries, income and employment generation.

STATEMENT

Significant achievements of CSIR for Rural Development, during 1992-95 :

I. <u>General</u>	
i. Training Courses	170
ii. Demonstrations	251
iii. Exhibitions/agrofairs	57