

NEW RAILWAYS LINES

7866. Shri Narain Singh Chaudhary : Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey for laying of new Railways Lines in Haryana during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the projects proposed for the State have been termed as Negative rate of returning projects in the surveys;

(d) if so, the name of the agencies entrusted with the said survey work and the reasons for arriving at such conclusion;

(e) whether there is a widespread resentment among the people owing to the want of any major Railways Project in the State; and

(f) whether the Government are contemplating to review these surveys in view of the widespread resentment in the State ?

The Minister of Railways (Shri C. K. Jaffer Sharief) :

(a) & (b) A survey for regional bye-pass line from Khurja to Rohtak via Palwal, Rewari has been taken up. The survey covers Palwal, Rewari, Jhajjar, Nuh, Sohna & Rohtak etc. (245 Kms.) and the cost of Survey is expected to cost Rs. 14.13 lakhs.

Does not arise.

(d) The above survey is being conducted by Survey Organisation of the Northern Railway.

(e) Haryana is served by an adequate rail network. Its route Kilometre per 1000 sqm. as on 31.3.94 is 33.89 compared to All India figure of 19.06.

(f) Does not arise.

[English]

TEACHING OF SANSKRIT

7867. Shri Lokanath Choudhury : Will the Minister of Human Resource Development be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a demand for introduction of Sanskrit at Secondary and Senior Secondary level as a compulsory and elective subject in Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(b) if so, reaction of the Government there to?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education and Department of Culture) (Kumari Selja) : (a) and (b) Sanskrit is being taught as compulsory third language from Class V to IX in all Kendriya Vidyalayas. Students can also offer Sanskrit as an additional optional subject in Class X.

In Senior Secondary classes Sanskrit is offered as an optional subject in Kendriya Vidyalayas.

FISHING HARBOURS IN TAMILNADU

7868. Shri N. Dennis : Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to take steps for the opening the fishing Harbours in the West coast of Tamil Nadu particularly in Kanyakumari District where fishermen live in large numbers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry Non-Conventional Energy Sources and Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture (Shri S. Krishna Kumar) : (a) to (c) The Central Institute of coastal Engineering for Fishenes, Bangalore have requested the Government of Tamil Nadu to provid necessary data for conducting prefeasibility studies in order to explore the possibility of setting up a fishery harbour at Colachel in Kanyakumari District on the West coast of Tamil Nadu.

[Translation]

PRODUCTION FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

7869. Shri Rajveer Singh :
Shri Tej Narayan Singh :
Shrimati Sheela Gautam :
Shri Rajesh Kumar :

Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the various potential agro-horticultural and Sugar Crops being produced for commercial purposes, State Wise and Union Territory-Wise;

(b) the financial assistance provided by the Union Government to each State/Union-Territory for increasing the production of these crops during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the details of achievement therefrom?

The Minister of State in the Minister of Agriculture (Shri Arvind Netam) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

[English]

SELLING OF SUGAR MILLS

7870. Shri Pankaj Chowdhary :
Shri Amarpal Singh :
Shri Brijbhushan Sharan Singh :

Will the Minister of Food be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh propose to sell some Sugar Mills falling in Public Sector