Written Answers

Statement-II

List of the Agreements/MOU's Special

Arrangements/MOU's Signed by the Council of
Scientific and Industrial Resarch

Country	Agency D	ate of Agreement
1	2	3
Australia	DITARD	19.04.1991
Bangladesh	STDB	31.07.1991
Bulgaria	DSTC	15.03.1974
China	NSFC	12.03.1992
	SBTS	28.06.1991
	CAE	05.08.1994
Czech	CAS	30.06.1995
Egypt	ARE	01.05.1968
France	CNRS	10.03.1974
FRG	AvH	03.02.1994
	DAAD	01.09.1968
	DLR	30.01.1982
	FhG	02.02.1994
	GSF	14.06.1993
	KFA	25.01.1974
	MPG	12.04.1988
Guyana	IAST	29.12.1993
Iraq	SRC	01.03.1975
Italy	CNR	06.02.1995
Japan	AIST	06.05.1994
Jorden	RSS	30.04.1985
Kuwait	KISR	16.06.1995
Mongolia	MAS	05.02.1993
Nepal	RONAST	06.01.1994
Netherlands	TNO	03.12.1986
Newzealand	ACRI	04.12.1986
Vigeria	NBRRI	27.01.1983
Peru	CONCYTEC	02.02.1989
Poland	PAS	26.03.1996
Romania	STD	15.10.1969
Russia	MDB	25.04.1994
Saudi-Arabia	SASO	24.06.1993
Slovak	SAS	30.06.1995
Sudan	NCR	04.11.1985

1	2	3
Syria	SSRC	13.10.1989
Thailand	TISTR	02.08.1991
Turkey	TUBITAK	23.03.1977
U.K.	ICRF	12.05.1988
Vietnam	NCSR	20.05.1989

GENES BANKS

2086. Shri Udaysingrao Gaikwad : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

- (a) whether three National Genes Banks have been set up in the country;
- (b) if so, their locations thereof, State and Union Territory-wise alongwith their functions; and
- (c) the details of objectives behind setting up of these banks ?

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 (c) Three national gene banks for medicinal and aromatic plants have been set up respectively at National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), New Delhi; Tropical Botanical Garden and Research Institute (TBGRI) Trivandrum, Kerala and Central Institute of Medicinal and Atomatic Plants (CIMAP) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The major objectives are to conserve species of medicinal and aromatic plants falling under the following categories; endangered/threatened/ rare species of proven medicinal value; those extensively used in traditional system of medicine, taxa which are difficult to propagate; as well as those with significant R&D leads for future; and finally species which are commercially important. The gene banks at TBGRI is concentrating on the biogeographic sub-regions of peninsular India while the other two are covering the northern region.

Basic infrastructure including seed and field banks, tissue culture repository, and crybank have been established. Gene banks carry out surveys, exploration, collection, characterisation, documentation and creation of a data base alongwith training of personnel.

KAIGA ATOMIC POWER PLANT

2087. Shri A. Venkatesh Naik : Shri K. G. Shivappa :

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of families displaced in Kaiga for setting up Kaiga Atomic Power Project; and
 - (b) the total number of families rehabilitated till date?

The Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office