

[Translation]

Allahabad University

2696. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL :

SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any action has been taken to accord the status of a Central University to Allahabad University ; and

(b) if so, by when the declaration to this effect is likely to be made?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b). The question regarding the conversion of Allahabad University into a Central University is under consideration. An appropriate decision would be taken after examining the matter in detail.

[English]

Sugar Technology Mission

2697. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up a Sugar Technology Mission for development of Sugar Mills; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b). The Central Government have already set up a Sugar Technology Mission Project in August, 1993. The Project has been set up by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) in close cooperation with Ministry of Food. The implementing agency is Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), an autonomous body under Department of Science and Technology (DST). The main objectives of the Project are sharper and focussed technology upgrading in sugar factories to accomplish, *inter-alia*, the cost effectiveness of sugar production, lesser use of energy, improvements in sugar quality etc. and also selective research and development. The total duration of the project is five years.

Birsa Munda Committee

2698. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to provide a grant of Rupees one lakh every year in favour of Birsa Munda Statue Committee Rourkela, Orissa for giving Birsa Munda Award with effect from 1995;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far for the release of the amount to enable the Committee to take steps for giving the Award on coming 15th November 1995, the 120th Birthday of Birsa Munda ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c). A proposal to institute the Birsa Munda Award, in the form of a cash reward of Rupees one lakh is under the consideration of the Government.

[Translation]

Condition of Women

2699. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV :

SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the main feature of the scheme being implemented for the protection of poor girls and to improve economic condition of the women in the country;

(b) whether any assessment has been made regarding the effectiveness of these schemes ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether any success has been made to end discrimination against the girls; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI) : (a) The Government continuously strives to provide support to the efforts for the betterment and development of women, including girl child. These programmes include em-