

The Committees have given specific recommendations on various aspects of functioning of KVKs. These aspects include mandate of the KVKs, functions of KVKs, survey of villages, training, technical programmes, impact of KVKs, linkages, local management committees, instructional farm, buildings and demonstration units, personnel management (recruitment and transfer, incentives & promotions, staff training etc.), financial management, revolving fund, monitoring of KVKs, guidelines for selection of site for new KVKs etc.

In the light of these recommendations, the KVKs are being revitalised by taking appropriate action by the Council and the host institutions.

[English]

Insecticides

2716. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether IARI scientists have developed an indigenous technology to make Acephate as an insecticide;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this insecticides have been subject to wide testing;

(d) if so, the results of such testing; and

(e) whether farmer have access to the insecticides?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Acephate was prepared first by reacting thiophosphoryl chloride with methanol to give methylphosphoryl dichloridate which was transformed to S-methyl analogue of phosphoryl-dichloridate. This on further reaction with methanol and ammonia gave methamidophos which on acetylation gave acephate.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Not applicable in view of (c) above.

(e) Yes, Sir. Acephate is a commercially registered insecticide for the control of boll worms, jassids and white fly in cotton and aphids in safflower.

Passenger Facilities

2717. SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether passenger amenities like Platform, Waiting Room, Toilet, drinking water and other facilities on stations like Jaipur, Chus Road, Gourinath Dham of Purulia, Kotsila line in South Eastern Railway are inadequate;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the facilities there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND HOLDING ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c). Purulia-Kotsihla section has three railway stations, viz. Gourinathdham, Chas Road and Garhjoipur. Gourinathdham railway station has been provided with low level platform, drinking water arrangements and toilet facilities. Chas Road & Garhjoipur Halts have rail level platforms & drinking water arrangements. These facilities are commensurate with the meagre volume of traffic handled at these stations. Further augmentation of the facilities will be undertaken whenever so warranted by increase in volume of traffic subject to availability of funds and relative priorities.

[Translation]

Filling up of SC/ST Quota

2718. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Eastern Railway has received any directives or letter from Personnel and Training Department in regard to filling up of the quota reserved for Scheduled Casts /Scheduled Tribes ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether attention has not been paid to these directives and letters; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND HOLDING ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.