

7. Providing incentives to shift the offices residences, and industries to south/south-east of the Taj Mahal; and

8. Strengthening of the existing facilities for Human Resource Development on environment, including conservation.

(d) The Varadarajan Committee was constituted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests under directions of the Supreme Court. The Committee's report has been submitted for further orders of the Court.

[Translation]

Ecomark

2736. SHRI PRITHVĪ RAJ D. CHAVAN :

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress of the scheme of labelling of Environment Friendly Products so far;

(b) the names of the products which have been awarded "Ecomark" so far; and

(c) the names of the products proposed to be included under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS : (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Criteria for awarding the Environment Friendly Products label "Ecomark" has been finalised and notified for the following categories of products : Soaps, Laundry Soaps, Detergents, Papers, and Food Item Part-I (edible oils, tea and coffee).

(b) One product (Eco-ezee) has been awarded the label "Ecomark".

(c) The following categories of products are already included in the scheme : (i) Plastics (ii) Food Item Part -II (iii) Textiles (iv) Cosmetics (v) Lubricating Oils (vi) Packaging Part -I (vii) Packaging Part -II (viii) Aerosols (ix) Electrical Goods/Electronic Goods (x) Wood Substitutes (xi) Preservatives and Food Additives (xii) Batteries (xiii) Pesticides, Insecticides, Biocides and Weedicides (xiv) Paints and (xv) Drugs.

[English]

Soyabean Seeds

2737. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps being taken by the States and Central Government for the procurement of seeds of Soyabean to increase its cultivation in the country ?

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) : In order to achieve increased soyabean cultivation in the country, systematic seed multiplication programme is undertaken. Breeder seed of notified improved varieties of Soyabean produced under ICAR system is allocated to various seed producing organisation who get it multiplied into foundation seed. These organisations get certified seed produced from the foundation seed by organising seed production on the fields of selected farmers and Government Farms. Certified seed thus produced is made available to the farmers who undertake production of commercial soyabean crop. Incentive is also given for soyabean cultivation to seed producers under the oilseeds Production Programme, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

Electrification of Railway Section

2738. SHRI KESRI LAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether survey has been conducted for the electrification of Kanpur-Jhansi Railway section;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the electrification work of this section is being started; and

(d) if so, whether any time bound programme has been chalked out by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN 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) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.