

### Drinking Water Facility

2819. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA DEVISINGH PATIL:

SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the drinking water at the Railway Stations of Bombay under the Central Railway is either not available or the drinking water place is not maintained properly in case the drinking water is available there;

(b) whether there is any scheme to make available cool drinking water at every Railway Station of Bombay;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). All the railway stations in Bombay area have already been provided with arrangements for cold drinking water.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

### National Seeds Corporation

2820. DR. R. MALLU : Will the MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints from the farmers of certain Districts of Andhra Pradesh against some actions of the National Seeds Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken to deal with the complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). In view of the position indicated above, the question does not arise.

### Tobacco

2821. SHRI HARIN PATHAK:

SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the plans of the ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) and related bodies to project role of Tobacco in the post GATT agricultural production scenario;

(b) whether there is great potential to utilise the competitive advantage in low costs to boost Tobacco production; and

(c) if so, the suggestions given by ICAR to project the potential of Tobacco in post GATT situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR) : (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and related bodies are planning to take advantage of agricultural scenario in post GATT period by evolving suitable varieties and production technology for production of exportable type of tobacco.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The ICAR has initiated the following steps to exploit export potential in post GATT situation.

(i) Emphasis on development of flavourful and semiflavourful tobacco of quality cigarette.

(ii) Development high quality Cigarette tobacco with low tar content;

(iii) Research on development of value added chemicals of medicinal and industrial applications such as nicotine sulphate, solanisol, leaf protein etc.