

tion Specific High Yielding Varieties.

- (ii) Increased use of quality seeds.
- (iii) Increased and efficient use of fertilizers including micronutrients.
- (iv) Efficient use of irrigation water and expansion of area under irrigation.
- (v) Adequate plant protection measures over a larger area and propagation of adoption of integrated pest management approach.
- (vi) Stabilisation of crop production in drought prone areas through dry farming technology.
- (vii) Transfer of technology through reorganised extension system training & visit.
- (viii) Intensification of research for appropriate technology.
- (ix) Adoption of appropriate pricing policies.

(b) and (c). Information has been called for from the Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute, Bhavnagar and would be laid on the table of the Sabha as soon as it is received.

#### **Forcible Conversion as Eunuch in Delhi**

5645. SHRIGANGA CHARAN LODHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to forcible conversion of some people as eunuch in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b). One case of attempted conversion was reported in 1989. A case FIR No. 61 dated 24.2.89 u/s 506/342/322/34 IPC was registered at PS Sultanpuri and five accused were arrested.

#### **Declaration of Lalganj-Vaisali road as National Highway**

5646. SHRIMATI USHA SINHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare Lalganj-Vaisali road via Sariya as National Highway for the convenience of the pilgrims and tourists; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

#### **Applications for Haj Pilgrimage from Malegaon (Maharashtra)**

5647. SHRI HARISHANKAR MAHALE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for Haj Pilgrimage received from Malegaon in Nasik district of Maharashtra for clearance from Government quota during the last one year; and

(b) the number of applications cleared?