

227 *Jammu and Kashmir*
Stand Taken by Organisation of Islamic Countries on J & K

[English]

5836. **SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT**: Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) the stand taken by the Organisation of Islamic countries in relation to Jammu & Kashmir problem; and

(b) whether the Ram Janam Bhoomi/ Babri Masjid issue has adversely affected India's relation with traditional friends in the Islamic Block?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The 20th Islamic Foreign Ministers' Conference held in Istanbul on August 3 - 8, 1991 has passed a resolution on situation in Jammu & Kashmir which is one-sided and totally unacceptable to India.

(b) No, Sir.

227 **Drought resistant oilseeds**

5837. **SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT**: Will the Minister of **AGRICULTURE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICAR have formulated any programme for developing drought resistant varieties of oilseeds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether seed certification programmes are proposed to be implemented in an effort to provide quality seeds to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: (SHRI K.C.LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the recently evolved drought resistant varieties are Gimar-1 in groundnut, Vaibhjav in Mustard, Malviya Kusum in Safflower and Kiran in linseed.

(c) Under the Seed Act 1966, the Seeds of notified varieties are being certified by 19 Seed Certification Agencies and are being supplied to the farmers through public and private seed agencies in the country.

228 **Commemorative Postal Stamp on "Veer Damodar Savarkar"**

5838. **SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU**: Will the Minister of **COMMUNICATIONS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to issue a commemorative postal stamp on "Veer Damodar Savarkar" a great freedom fighter; and

(b) if so, when it is likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS: (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). No, Sir. A commemorative stamp has already been issued on Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, the great freedom fighter popularly known as "Veer Savarkar", on 28th May 1970. There is no proposal to bring out another stamp on this personality.

228 *Agriculture*
Cashewnut Plantation

5839. **DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA**: Will the Minister of **AGRICULTURE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centrally sponsored scheme on Cashewnut and Multi-State Cashew Project with World Bank Assistance are being implemented in the country;

(b) if so, the funds allocated, state-wise and achievements made under these