

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Gauge Conversion of Mysore-Hassan Section

7628. SHRI H.D. DEVEGOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any representation from the general public and public representatives to concert the metre gauge railway line from Mysore to Hassan on Southern Railway into broad gauge; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to complete this gauge conversion project during Eighth Five Year Plan?

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

(c) Representation in this connection has been received from Shri M.P. sadashivaiah, superintending Engineer, Central Mechanical Organisation Circle, Dharwad forwarded by Shri H.D. Devegowda, M.P. The Railway have at present no plans for converting this line.

UGC Grants to Universities

7629. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:
SHRI R. DHANUSKODI
ATHITHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the teaching and research activities have been adversely affected in North Bengal University and in Universities of Southern States due to inadequate grants provided to them by UGC during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons for providing such inadequate grants;

(c) whether the government propose to increase the grants there for; and:

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) The maintenance grants to the State Universities, which are established by Acts of State Legislatures, are provided by the respective State Governments. UGC provides only development grants to the eligible state Universities, in accordance with the prescribed norms, and that too only for a part of their requirements. It is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government to provide reasonable level of Plan and Non-Plan grants to the Universities established by them.

According to the information furnished by UGC, paucity of funds may affect some developmental activities of the institutions, but the basic facilities are not likely to be affected.

Foodgrains production Programms

7630. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the performance of Integrated programme of Rice Development and special, foodgrains production programme during the seventh Five Year plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some special schemes have been included in the above mentioned programmes during Eighth Five Year plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have launched any special scheme for Agricultural develop-

ment in Goa; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The performance of Rice Development Programme has been reviewed periodically by the Government of India. The implementation of special Rice Production programme (SRPP) and Special Foodgrains Production programme-Rice (SEPP- Rice) during the Seventh Five year Plan has created an awareness among the farmers, for the adoption of improved rice production technology and has helped in increasing the production of rice in the country. The production of rice has increased from 60.10 million tonnes in 1983-84 to 73.57 million tonnes in 1989-90.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Question does not arise.

Crop Rotation

7631. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to make crop rotation system popular among farmers with a view to enable them to increase their yield; and

(b) the achievements made in this regard during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The Extension Agencies of the Department of Agriculture, Indian Council of Agricultural Research and State Agricultural Universities develop and promote improved crop rotations specific for different agro-climatic

conditions through field demonstrations and training programmes. A large number of cereals-legumes and other suitable crop rotations are being followed by the farmers. Data on Changes in crop rotation are not being maintained.

[*Translation*]

Grants Aid to Voluntary Organisation ins Uttar pradesh

7632. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from voluntary cultural organisations of Uttar Pradesh for financial assistance during such of the last three years;

(b) the nature of proposals approved or are under consideration; and

(c) the amount sanctioned so far and the amount actually paid during the above period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[*English*]

Production of Potato Onion and Banana in Maharashtra

7633. SHRIMANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of potatoes, onions and bananas in Maharashtra during 1992-93; and

(b) the amount of financial assistance pro-