

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantity of jute purchased by the jute Corporation of India during the last season and the price at which it was purchased; and

(d) the amount allocated to J.C.I. in this regard during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b). The average Ruling market rate of TD 5 grade of raw jute x-Assam during the 1992-93 jute season as as follows:

	(Rs./ Qtl)
Month Average Ruling	Rate (M.S.P. - Rs. 400)
July, 1991	405
August	420
September	397
October	386
November	375
December	359
January, 1993	389

(c) 9.37 lakh bales of raw jute were purchased by JCI, in association with its Cooperatives agents, under price support Cooperations upto 15.2.93.

(d) Rs. 25.5 crores has been released to CI, so far, during 1992-93 towards the reimbursement of the losses incurred in price support operations

Krishnamurthy Committee Report

40. SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE:
SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have since received the final report of Krishnamurthy Committee regarding dis investment of shares of public sector undertakings:

(b) if so, the recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government on these recommendations; and

(d) if not, the time by which the final report is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir,

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Multifuel Nuclear Power Reactor

221. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:
PROF. PREM DHUMAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scientist's at Bhabha Atomic Research Centre has designed new multifuel nuclear power reactor;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the likely date by which the said reactor is proposed to be put to use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre is currently engaged in the design of an Advanced Heavy Water Reactor (AHWR) with Multi fuels.

(b) The AHWR uses heavy water as moderator and boiling light water as coolant. The proposed design will have certain regions with mixed oxide fuel (Uranium-Plutonium), and rest of the reactor will be fuelled with Thorium with low percentage of Uranium-233. It is being designed primarily for making use of the vast quantities of Thorium resources in the country.

(c) The feasibility report is likely to be ready by 1995/96. Construction of the reactor can start only after project report is prepared, reviewed and financial sanction obtained.

Indo-China Cooperation in Science and Technology

222. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:
SHRI D. VENKATESWARA
RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China have agreed to cooperate in the field of Science and Technology and a number of scientists from China have visited India recently;

(b) if so, whether any agreement in that regard has been signed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RANGARAJAN): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. An intergovernmental Agreement on Cooperation in Science and Technology was signed between India and China in Beijing on December 22, 1988. A number of Chinese scientists have visited India recently.

(c)* The Agreement provides for cooperation being effected through exchange of scientists, research workers, specialists and scholars; exchange of S & T information and documentation organisation of bilateral S&T seminars and courses;

Joint identification of S&T problems, formulation and implementation of joint research programmes which might lead to application of results of such research; and

Other forms of S&T cooperation may be mutually agreed upon.

The Agreement also provides for the establishment of an India-China Committee on S&T Co-operation, to plan and coordinate cooperation in S&T, to consider proposals for development of cooperative activities in specific areas, and to recommend measures and programmes to both sides. Visits of a number of S&T delegations have taken place between the two countries in areas of mutual interest.

Latest Bio-Technology Scenario

223. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to keep a pace with the latest biotechnology scenario the world over;