

*[English]***Agricultural Collaboration**

1852. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India has entered into any agreement with the Cooperative Marketing and Consumer Federation of Sri Lanka to promote business in the cooperative sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the areas in the country where the farmers would be benefited with the said collaborations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Admission in Private Engineering Colleges

1853. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft guidelines to implement the 'Scheme' regarding admissions in Private Professional Institutions as laid down by the Supreme Court has been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the institutions have followed the same in letter and spirit; and

(d) if not, the action taken against the defaulters?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) As per the Scheme prescribed by the Supreme Court in its judgement dated 4.2.1993 in Unnikrishnan's case concerning regulations of admissions and fee structure in Private Professional Colleges, the State Governments have implemented the Scheme.

The regulations to be issued by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) pertaining to Technical Education depend upon the final approval by the Government to the draft guidelines already framed by the Department of Education.

Export of Passenger Coaches

1854. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received proposals for export of passenger coaches to Combdia, Bangladesh, Tanzania, Veitnam and Zimbabwe;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some passenger coaches have since been exported to these countries; and

(d) if so, the terms and conditions of such export?

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

(b) Following enquiries have been received:

- (i) 30 Nos. second hand coaches to Combodia through RITES.
- (ii) Export of coaches and Bogies to Bangladesh Railways through RITES & IRCON.
- (iii) Export of 27 Nos. GS Coaches to Tanzania Railways Corporation through RITES & BEML.
- (iv) Export of coaches & freight bogies to Vietnam National Railways through RITES.
- (v) Export of coaches to Bangladesh & Zimbabwe National Railways through RITES.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Farm Forestry Scheme

1855. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched a farm forestry scheme;

(b) if so, when and the States covered under this scheme;

(c) the objectives thereof; and

(d) the assistance provided under this scheme, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) The Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Promotion of Youth Activities

1856. SHRI SANKERSINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance for promotion of Youth activities in Schools and Colleges is proposed to be given; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Department of Youth Affairs and Sports has been implementing National Service Scheme (NSS) since 1969 for student youth in universities, colleges and +2 level schools for development of their personality through community service. Any interested student studying in University, College and +2 level school is eligible to be selected for NSS. As NSS volunteers they are required to render voluntary social service for a minimum of 120 hours per annum, for a period of two years. The National Service Scheme has two types of programmes viz; Regular Activities and Special Camping Programmes, undertaken by the volunteers of NSS. The activities under Regular programme include improvement of campuses, tree