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FCI EMPLOYEES CONGRESS CENTRAL COMMITTEE DELHI.

Environmental Projects

7062 DR. R. MALLU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representation from non-Governmental organisations, and other voluntary organisations in regard to the handling of several environment related projects specially the Tropical Forestry Action Programme, tiger project and Toxic dumping in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c). No representation has been received from non-Governmental organisations and other voluntary organisations in respect to handling of Tropical Forestry Action Programme and

Tiger Project. With regard to toxic Wastes, a representation was received from the People's Commission on Environment and Development India, requesting the Government of India to support a vote for full ban on export of all hazardous wastes from OECD to non-OECD countries at the Basel Convention meeting in Geneva in March, 1994.

According to our regulations, import of hazardous Wastes is not permitted for dumping and disposal. However, import of such wastes can presently be allowed for processing or reuse as raw material after examining each case on merit.

[Translation]

Production of Wheat

7063. SHRI HARICHAND SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of wheat in Punjab during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether there has been decline in the production in the State during the above period; and

(c) if so, the extent thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The production of wheat in Punjab during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 was 121.55, 122.95 and 123.69 lakh tonnes respectively. The final estimates of wheat production in Punjab for 1993-94 have not yet become due. However, according to current indications, its production during 1993-94 is likely to be not lower than that of 1992-93.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Railway Bridges in Gujarat

7064. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of railway bridges in Gujarat under Southern Railway;

(b) the expenditure incurred on repairs of these bridges during last three years, Division-wise; and

(c) the number of bridges repaired or likely to be repaired during 1993-94, Division-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Nil, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

10 + 2 Classes in Railway High School Guwahati

7065. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand for introducing 10+2 classes in Railway High School, Guwahati has been made by the railway employees;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the time by which the said school is likely to have 10+2 classes therein?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The school has already been upgraded to 10+2 system.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Arrears to Cane Growers

7066. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sugar Mills in various States have not paid the outstanding sugarcane prices to the farmers in the States;

(b) if so, the details in this regard during the last three years State wise; and

(c) the reasons for delay in the payment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Statewise details of arrears of sugarcane price payable to farmers as on 15th November during the last three sugar seasons are shown in the enclosed statement.

(c) Delay in the payment of cane price could be attributed to a number of factors, such as poor financial position of the sugar mill, high cost of production, excessively high State-advised cane price, inadequate sales realisation, etc.