

Modern system of training to Indian Pilots

2471. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to introduce modern system of training for pilots of Indian Air Force; and

(b) if so, the points on which special attention is proposed to be paid in this training and the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) and (b). The training of IAF pilots is carried out by best available methods and using equipment obtained from indigenous sources or by procurement from abroad. Updating training methods and training aids is an on-going process which is kept under continuous review.

Barbed wire fencing along Indo-Bangladesh Border

2472. SHRI NITYANANDA MISHRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps to put up a barbed wire fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) if so, the amount spent or proposed to be spent on this work;

(c) budgetary provision made therefor during the current year;

(d) time by which the fencing and allied works are expected to be completed; and

(e) what other steps are proposed to be taken to check infiltration from across the border?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have spent a sum of Rupees 7.55 lakhs up to September, 1985 on survey work on barbed wire fence and border road alongside. It is estimated that the cost of the fence which is to be constructed in phases is likely to be Rs. 207 crores apart from the expenditure on survey.

(c) A sum of Rs. 2.5 crores has been provided in the budget during the year 1985-86.

(d) The construction of fence is likely take about 5 years after survey work is completed.

(e) Constant vigil is maintained by BSF and other security forces. Joint ambushes, raids and patrols with local police and other preventive agencies are organized by BSF. Observation towers have been erected to watch movements of infiltrators.

Face lift of Varanasi

2473. DR. B. L. SHAILESH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the French have made two proposals of a face lift of the Varanasi pilgrim city which inter alia include the setting up of a sewage processing plant;

(b) if so, whether these proposals have been forwarded to Government of U.P.;

(c) reaction of that Government to the French proposals; and

(d) the reasons for not accepting the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Pursuant to the visit of two Missions from the Government of France, a technical report for setting up a plant at Varanasi for treatment of sewage and extraction of bioenergy has been received from a French consulting firm. No proposals for the face-lift of Varanasi has been received from the French.

(b) and (c). The report is confined to technical aspects only and is currently being examined by the Government of India.

(d) Does not arise.

**Development of indigenous product
for Crop-Economy**

**2474. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :
SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL :**

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), Pune has developed a novel indigenous process and product that promises to revolutionise the crop-economy of vast irrigation starved areas of the country;

(b) if so, detail thereof and how far it is successful; and

(c) steps being taken to popularise it particularly in dry-land farming and forest areas?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS
OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE
(SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) ; (a) Yes, Sir.**

(b) The product is a polymer with very high capacity for holding large quantities of water. It can be applied to soil or by coating seeds. In trials, it has been shown to increase productivity in groundnut, wheat, jowar, fodder cereals, and tomato and delay withering of plantlets from 5 to 14 days, contributing to survival of plant during transport.

(c) Pilot plant production of Jalshakti is commencing shortly and material will be available for larger scale trials. Commercial production is also envisaged.

**Early Sanction and enhancement of
Freedom Fighters pension to
widows of pensioners**

**2475. PROF. NARAIN CHAND
PARASHAR :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the instructions for early sanction and enhancement of Freedom Fighters Pension to Rs. 500/-per month also covers the case of sanction and payment of pension at this rate to the widows of Freedom fighters whose cases are pending with the Government ?

(b) if so, the likely date by which the cases of all such widows would be decided; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to remove the hardships to such widows ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI
P.A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.**

(b) and (c). In order to remove the hardships to the widows, the procedure for grant of pension has already been simplified and the transfer of family pension in the cases where pension was sanctioned after September, 1983 has been made automatic in a way that the name of the wife and her unmarried daughters are indicated in the sanction letters itself with instructions to the concerned Accountants General to authorise family pension at the admissible rates, on production of necessary documents to the concerned Treasury officer.

In the case of pension sanctioned before September, 1983, the freedom fighters have been advised to furnish declaration/affidavit to the Accountants General giving the particulars of the eligible nominees so as to enable him to revise the P.P. Os in their favour.

The highest priority is accorded to the disposal of applications of the widows in this Ministry.

Atomic Power Plants

**2476. SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA
SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL :**

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Atomic Power Plants functioning in the country and the power generated in each Atomic Power Plant and