

Working Conditions in ICAR Research Complex for NEH region, Nagaland Centre, Jharnapani

361. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts vacant in the ICAR Research Complex, North Eastern Hills Region (Nagaland Centre), Jharnapani and since when;

(b) whether Government are aware of the reports that the staff working in the aforesaid ICAR complex is in the grip of constant fear and threat to their lives by the terrorists;

(c) whether Government have also received representations/complaints in this regard; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken/contemplated in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Out of a total number of 125 posts sanctioned for the Nagaland Centre of the Research Complex for the North-Eastern Hill Region, 35 posts are at present vacant, the vacancies ranging from two to six years.

(b) to (d) There are no terrorist activities at the Nagaland Centre. However, on 2nd April, 1986, the Joint Director of the Centre was assaulted by a group of local youths. This incident created a sense of insecurity among the officers and staff at the Centre. The Chief Minister of Nagaland, the Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police were requested to provide security to the officers and staff working at the Centre. At present, the situation at the Centre is normal. In fact, the Centre is functioning normally since 10th April, 1986.

Allocation for replacement of disease affected old coconut trees

362. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total allocation for the replacement of disease-affected as well as old coconut trees and the rejuvenation of the existing plants during the year 1986-87; and

(b) the details of the work done in this respect in Kerala ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) The replacement of disease-affected as well as old cocount trees and rejuvenation of existing coconut plams is proposed to be taken care of under the scheme 'Integrated Development of Coconut Industry in India' proposed by the Coconut Development Board for the Seventh Plan. The Scheme and the allocations for various sub-components under it are under consideration.

(b) During the Sixth Plan period and 1985-86, a total of 2.46 lakh diseased palms were removed and 66,000 trees were rejuvenated by supplying 15 lakh seedlings at a total cost of Rs. 210.80 lakhs under different schemes.

Closure of newspaper establishments on 1 July, 1986

363. SHRI KRISHNA SINGH :

SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether newspaper establishments were closed on 1 July, 1986 following a decision by the Executive Committee of the Indian and Eastern Newspapers