

(c) the steps taken/proposed for commercial purposes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total copper reserves established so far at Malanjkhand Copper deposit of Balaghat district, M.P. including probable, possible and prospective reserves in 292.21 million tonnes with 1.39% average copper content.

(c) The Malanjkhand Copper deposit is now being exploited for commercial purposes by Hindusthan Copper Limited (HCL).

Workshop on AGROVOC & BIOTECH

3171. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to State :

(a) whether a workshop on Agrovoc in India was held in New Delhi ;

(b) if so, the agency which sponsored the workshop and the action taken by Government to implement the recommendations ;

(c) whether an International symposium on biotechnological strategies to improve the agricultural productivity was held during November, 1985 ;

(d) if so, the agencies which sponsored the symposium and the recommendations made and Government's reaction thereto ;

(e) whether USDA and ICAR sponsored a workshop on biological control of helio this; and

(f) if so, the sponsoring agency, the recommendations made and the action taken to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At the time of the 4th Technical Consultation of AGRIS (International Information System for Agricultural Sciences & Technology) participating Centres held at Rome (Italy) during May, 1984, it was decided that the Indexing and Classification of bibliographical records should be changed into a better retrieval system by using a standard thesaurus called AGROVOC which has about 8,500 terminology. For this purpose, the FAO was to import training to the Indexers in different countries/group of countries to use the newly evolved method of subject classification and indexing. Accordingly, the FAO organized this Workshop at New Delhi from 29.7.85 to 2.8.85, for imparting training to Indian participants in addition to a few foreign participants. It was mainly in the nature of training for familiarisation with the system and the purpose was served by organizing this Workshop.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, sponsored this Symposium together with their 54th Annual Meeting of Society of Biological Chemists (India) as an integral part of the programme for the University's Silver Jubilee Celebrations. The University only wanted Governmental clearance for holding this Symposium and the same was granted in consultation with Ministries concerned.

(e) and (f). The workshop was jointly sponsored by the USDA and the I.C.A.R. The draft recommendations consist of 23 items which are still under consideration of the participating agencies. They will be considered for implementation after the proceedings are finalised by the USDA Coordinator.

Drought Conditions in Konkan Region

3172. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to severe drought conditions in the backward konkan region of Maharashtra the water resources have dried up at many places ; and

(b) if so, whether earmarked financial assistance will be given to the Maharashtra Government to dig tube-wells on a large scale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). The State Government have submitted a memorandum on the situation created by drought and reported that many villages in the Konkan region of Maharashtra are facing drinking water problem. The memorandum has been received on 12th of November, 1986, and a Central Team has not yet visited the State to make an assessment of the situation.

New System to Meet Delhi's Transport Problem

3173. SHRI AKHTAR HASAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi's transport problem is alarming day by day ;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to introduce any new system to meet this problem;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) when the new system is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b). The Government of India is aware of the growing problems of transport in Delhi. Several possible alternatives are being explored and no proposal for introduction of a specific new system of transport is under consideration.

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

Consumer Price Index

3174. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the consumer price index as at the end of September, 1986 and that at corresponding period on 1984 and 1985 ;

(b) whether it is rising and if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) what items are being taken into account to determine the price index and since when ;

(d) whether Government propose to consider more items including controlled rate of rent for housing which are also essential for social life for determining the consumer price index ; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) Consumer price index numbers for the month of September, for the years 1984-1986 on base : 1960=100 are given below :—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Index for September</i>
1984	589
1985	619
1986	676

(b) A rising trend has been observed in the index. It is mainly due to increase in prices of different items, seasonal fluctuations, varying supply or ration items etc.

(c) to (e). A list of items included in the index basket is laid on the table of the House [Placed in library See No LT 3308/86] It is based on the results of 1958-59 survey conducted among Working Class Families of 50 industrial centres. In the proposed new series on base 1982, a number of new items are being included as a result of change in consumption pattern revealed by 1981-82 survey.

National Watershed Development Programme

3175. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to launch national watershed development programme for rainfed agricultural land ;

(b) if so, in how many districts of different States such a programme is proposed to be implemented ;

(c) the names of those districts (State-wise) ;