

(b) if so, the number of such fellowships and the research topics for which these were awarded;

(c) whether this programme still exists;

(d) if so, the number of such fellows working now; and

(e) if not, the reasons for its discontinuation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Institute of Rural Development which was earlier known as National Institute of Community Development operated a scheme of Junior and Senior Research Fellowships in the sixties.

(b) 8 Junior and 2 Senior Research Fellowships were awarded by the Institute for various types of studies till 1969 when the scheme was discontinued.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The scheme was discontinued on the basis of the report of the Evaluation Team of the then National Institute of Community Development.

Training to Steel Authority of India Limited Employees

9282. SHRI C. SAMBU : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the training facilities available for the employees of the Steel Authority of India Limited;

(b) whether Steel Authority of India Limited has any training institute of its own; if so, its location; and

(c) the details of the training programmes undertaken by it ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR) : (a) SAIL have developed well equipped training facilities with a network of training institutes and shop based units.

(b) Besides all the Steel Plants under SAIL having their own training institutes to cater to junior/middle levels, SAIL has its own Management Training Institute (MTI) at Ranchi which trains Senior Management Cadres.

(c) MTI organises courses in general management and in various functional areas in order that Senior Management Cadres develop managerial effectiveness and a new healthy work culture and are trained to meet with the fast changing work requirements, which call for higher productivity and qualities of leadership in the field of technology, management, finance and Human Resource Development. In addition, special seminars/workshops on specific themes are also organised.

Support Price of Turmeric and Chillies

9283. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices proposes to determine the minimum support price for turmeric and chilly crops from 1988-89 to save the farmers from exploitation by the traders; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The production of chillies and turmeric is of a localised nature, and, therefore, the coverage of minimum support prices is not extended to these commodities.

Labour Secretaries Meeting

9284. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether a meeting of the State Labour Secretaries was held recently in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of participants;

(c) the details of topics discussed and the outcome thereof; and