

Academy of Administration, Mussoorie, special efforts to expose them to the problems relating to women are made by including lectures on topics like "Women and Family Welfare", "Crime and Women", "The Girl Child" etc. They are also attached to voluntary agencies for a period of ten days.

(b) Government are keen on increasing the percentage of women in the Civil Services, recruitment to which is made through the Civil Services Examination held annually by the Union Public Services Commission, to 20 by 1990. Several steps have been, and are being, taken through the media and otherwise to motivate women to opt for a career in the Civil Services ?

Embryo Transfer Programme

2218. SHRI YASHWANT RAO GADAKH PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to launch an embryo-transfer programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof the and objective in view ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONIC AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes Sir, the Government of India has taken up an S and T Project entitled 'Cattle herd improvement for Increased Productivity using Embryo-Transfer Technology', which is being implemented in mission mode.

(b) The objectives of the project are :

- To introduce Embryo Transfer Technology as an effective tool for increasing the production and productivity of cattle and buffaloes.
- To create institutional infrastructure for research and development in embryo transfer.
- To train scientists, practitioners and technicians.
- To create a 'seed stock' of genetically superior animals.

The project is being implemented in mission-mode by the following agencies :

Deptt. of Biotechnology	—	Nodal agency
National Dairy Development Board	—	Lead implementing agency
Indian Veterinary Research Institute (ICAR)	—	Collaborating agency
National Dairy Research Instt., Karnal (ICA)	—	"
National Instt. of Immunology, New Delhi	—	"
Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute, Hasserghatta	—	"

Four Regional ET centres and 25 ET sub-centres will be established in various parts of the country. A main ET laboratory and training school is being set up at Sabarmati Ashram Gaushala, Bidaj, Gujarat—interim facility there is already operational.

The project has been planned for the duration of 5 years from 1987-88 at a total outlay of Rs. 16.85 crores.

The Project has already made considerable progress in the standardisation of ET Technology in Indian cows which resulted in the birth of 9 cow calves, and confirmed pregnancies in as many as 46 animals so far. Success has already been achieved in Indian buffaloes too. R and D on various aspects of ET Technology is in progress.