

Production, rationalisation of the price structure of a number of important agricultural inputs, namely, fertilisers, plant protection chemicals and seeds, has been suggested. The approach adopted is to achieve reduction in the prices of seeds and fertilisers by fixing "efficiency price" norms for their production. For plant protection chemicals, it has been suggested that domestic prices may be kept under control through selective imports and a regulated tariff policy. Cost economies are also proposed to be achieved through increased efficiency in the distribution system for these inputs. These measures would benefit agricultural production all over the country.

**Scheme to Familiarise Government Officials with Management Techniques**

10599. SHRI H.B. PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to familiarise the Central Government officials with modern management techniques, impart new skills and tone up efficiency; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. In pursuance of the Government's decision to restructure the training of the members of the Civil Service so as to develop competence and a work culture suited to the service of the people, instructions have been issued to cadre controlling authorities for formulating training plans, stipulating that every member of the All India and Group A Central Services should be put through at least 3 refresher courses in a span of about 20 years. The training plans drawn up in the light of these instructions are under implementation. These courses include knowledge, management skills, and behavioural inputs.

**B and W Picture Tube Factory of BEL in Maharashtra**

10600. SHRI P.M. SAYEED : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a black and white Television picture tube factory has been set up by Bharat Electronics Limited in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, its location and the details of technical collaboration, if any;

(c) the capital involved and the capacity of the factory; and

(d) the details regarding import of the picture tubes and the approximate foreign exchange that would be saved by the production in the new factory ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, B.E.L. has set up a factory at Taloja, Raigad District, Maharashtra, for the manufacture of glass bulbs for black and white TV picture tubes in technical collaboration with M/s. Corning, France.

(c) The total sanctioned investment in the project amounts to Rs. 49.22 crores. The throughout capacity of the Taloja plant is 1 million numbers per annum of 20" black and white TV glass bulbs.

(d) At the current f.o.b. price of US Dollars 12.60 per bulb, foreign exchange savings will be around Rs. 16.05 crores per annum at one million level.

**International Congress of Plant Physiology and Biochemistry**

10601. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the International Congress of Plant Physiology and Biochemistry held in February, 1988 at Delhi, had described the possibility of growing crops in space;

(b) if so, the main recommendations made at the Conference; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?