

Southern India, Tamil Nadu.

34. **VMA Oil Seeds Research & Development Institute, Bombay.**

Protest by C.S.I.R. Staff

4337. **SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scientific and Technical staff of the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research observed a "protest day" on February 22, 1988 to press for their demands, and

(b) if so, the details of their demands and Government's reaction thereto?

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.

(b) The demands which mainly relate to pay structure, career development opportunities, personnel policy have been discussed with Scientific & Technical Community of CSIR number of times and specific recommendations made for consideration of competent authority.

Tissue Culture

4338. **SHRI H.B. PATIL:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether tissue culture, the technology growing 'artificially' cells, tissues and organs of the desired genetic purity with properties of high yield and disease resistance has failed to make any significant impact on Indian farms and forests;

(b) if so, whether Government propose

to, review the working and give a serious thought with a proper programme in this regard; and

(c) if so, the steps and scheme of Government proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) No Sir, much of the work that has been carried out in the area of plant tissue culture has been of very basic nature and some of them are in the nature of breakthrough in technology. However there are several steps in the successful introduction of a plant on farm or forest standardisation of technology for regeneration under laboratory conditions, hardening and acclimatization, and evaluation of its field performance for several generations. In the case of forest trees, the time taken for this purpose is even longer. Such evaluation of field performance is being carried out on several crop plants and forest trees, eg: disease-free sugarcane, bamboos, ucalyptus etc. A significant impact is expected on our own farms and forests in due course.

(b) and (c). The Govt. of India have appointed several committee and task forces on the field application of the technologies developed in laboratories particularly in respect of plants of economic importance.

Drug Trafficking in Delhi

4339. **CH. RAM PARKASH:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of drug trafficking reported and registered in Delhi during the last year; and