

Growers Cooperative Societies and establishing Processing units.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) At present, there is no such proposal.

Financial Aid to 'AWARE' Organisation

4802. SARI V. TULSIRAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether an organisation as "AWARE" has been functioning in Andhra Pradesh for sometime past ;

(b) if so, the details of its activities ;

(c) whether Government are giving financial aid to this organisation for its activities ; if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether this organisation is getting aid from foreign countries, if so, the details thereof, country-wise and year wise during the last two years ; and

(e) the details of financial and other help rendered by this organisation to the public and particularly weaker sections in the State during the period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the Memorandum of Association of 'AWARE', its main activities aim at uplift of villages, research, training, education documentation and coordination of rural development programme.

(c) Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) a registered society under the aegis of the Department of Rural Development, has sanctioned financial assistance of Rs. 7,06,020.00 in February, 1988 for the implementation of a project for supply of drinking water through installation of 60 handpumps in Khammam district, to this organisation.

(d) As per returns furnished by 'AWARE' under the Foreign contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, it had received Rs. 422.96 lakhs in 1986 and Rs. 636.09 lakhs in 1987 mainly from Holland and Belgium.

(e) According to the information made available to CAPART by 'AWARE' its work is spread over in twelve districts of Andhra Pradesh, within the activities indicated in part (b), above.

Sanctuaries Engaged in Breeding of Reptiles

4803 SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state the names of the sanctuaries which are famous for the conservation and breeding of reptiles ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : Amongst the sanctuaries famous for conservation and breeding of reptiles, are :

Name of Sanctuary	State
Ranganthitto	Karnataka
Ken Gharial	Madaya Pradesh
Son Gharial	Madhya Pradesh
National Chambal	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan
Bhittar-Kanika	Orissa
Satkosia Gorge	Orissa
Katerniaghat	Uttar Pradesh
Sajnakhali	West Bengal

Effects of Nuclear War on Agricultural Sector

4804. SHRIMATI BASAVA-RAJESWARI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scientists of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research have initiated a study to determine the possible indirect impact of a distant nuclear war on the country's agricultural system ;

(b) if so, whether the study would also involve working on computer models for predicting the effects of hypothetical nuclear war on country's climatic conditions ;

(c) the other salient features of the study ;

(d) whether such a study has been made in foreign countries also ; and

(e) if so, to what extent it has helped them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No knowledge.

(e) Does not arise.

Mahatma Gandhi's Letters and Papers

4805. SHRIMATI BASAVA-RAJESWARI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently bought a rare collection of Mahatma Gandhi's papers and letters from one of his prominent disciples in South Africa ;

(b) if so, the expenditure involved ; and

(c) to what extent these letters will be useful ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) £ 1,53,870.

(c) The letters give an insight into Gandhiji's philosophy and refer to civil right issues. The papers including photographs, press clippings etc. have historical and sentimental value.

Setting up of Gas-Based Fertilizer Units in Gulf Countries

4806. SHRIMATI BASAVA-RAJESWARI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government propose to set-up 5 gas based fertilizer units in the gulf-countries ;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been reached ; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) No decision has been taken to set up gas-based fertiliser plants as joint ventures in the Gulf countries.

(b) In view of (a) no agreement has been reached.

(c) Does not arise

Financial Assistance to Karnataka

4807. SHRIMATI BASAVA-RAJESWARI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has approached Union Government to meet the shortage of funds so that the farmers are provided full credit as needed ;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government ; and

(c) to what extent, Union Government have agreed to help in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) to (c) The State Government of Karnataka has not approached Central Government especially