

(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