

3. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the amended Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1988 have been brought into force to provide stringent measures including closure and stoppage of supply of electricity, water or any other services, etc.

Upgradation of Quality of Horticulture

2418. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a need to upgrade the quality of horticultural produce and to evolve strategies to capture greater share of the international market ;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard ;

(c) whether the Indian horticulturists are in a dis-advantageous position and there is a need to import the latest technology for the development of horticulture ; and

(d) if so, the efforts made in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Through research efforts of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the Agricultural Universities, some improved varieties of fruits and vegetables have been evolved. Package of practices for cultivation and post-harvest technology have also been developed. Programmes have been taken up in the Central and the State sectors to increase the availability of improved planting material.

(c) and (d). Seed has been incorporated as a high technology area in the list of industries at appendix I of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.

Seeds of fruits/vegetables/flower bulbs etc. are allowed for import under Import Policy for Registered Exporters.

International Management Education Project

2419. SHRI SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to launch a three-year international management education project ;

(b) if so, the main objectives of the project ;

(c) whether the United Nations Development Project assistance is likely to be made available for this project ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

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) The main objective of the project is to strengthen the ability of Managers of Indian enterprises, both public and private, to operate effectively in an international setting to meet India's growing international business operations.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The estimated cost of UNDP assistance for the project is \$ 940,000. It will be available in the form of consultancies of leading foreign experts in International Management Education to India, Fellowships to Indian scholars for training/visit abroad, equipment in the form of books/journals and instruction materials, and for travel/miscellaneous cost.

Shortfall in Mineral Production

2420. SHRIMATI MADHUREE SINGH :

DR. G.S. RAJHANS :

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the production of several key minerals has fallen in comparison to target fixed ;

(b) if so, the details of the minerals of which production has declined ; and