

DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Workshop discussed the experience of member States, the short-term and long-term steps taken by member States for meeting natural disasters and identified short-term steps to be taken to minimise the damage by natural disasters.

(c) The final report of the Workshop and its recommendations are awaited.

Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes Teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

3188. SHRI C. JANGAREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of teachers, category-wise belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan as on 30 April, 1988;

(b) the number of teachers promoted to different posts during the last three academic sessions; and

(c) whether there is any backlog and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P.SHAHI) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Residential Polytechnic for Women

3189. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Kerala has

submitted any proposal for starting a residential polytechnic for women;

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard; and

(c) the place where the institute is likely to be located?

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) and (c). A National Expert Committee has been set up to consider the proposals from the various States and make recommendation for the proposed residential polytechnic for women to be approved for establishment during the current financial year. Already the Committee has held one meeting for the purpose. The Committee is likely to hold its next meeting shortly to finalise its recommendations.

Conservation of Himgiri Forest

3190. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is depletion of Himgiri forest range in Orissa following large scale smuggling of wood; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to conserve the forest and check the smuggling of precious forest wealth of Himgiri Forest?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b). Details are being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Agro-Based Industries

3191. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agro-based industries

set up in Orissa;

(b) whether the number of such industries is not adequate as compared to other States; and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken to increase the number of such units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected from State Government of Orissa and will be laid on the table of the House.

Navodaya Vidyalayas in a Uniform Manner

3192. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Navodaya Vidyalayas are being opened all over the country in a uniform manner in accordance with the new education policy;

(b) the steps taken to make the scheme uniformly applicable for the whole country;

(c) the names of the places where such Vidyalayas have been opened during the Seventh Plan, year-wise in each State/ Union Territory, till date;

(d) the names of the Districts where sites have been identified for the opening of such schools in 1988-89 specially in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana;

(e) whether any State Government has so far refused to cooperate with the Union Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by Union Government to open such Vidyalayas in the States(s) concerned so as to ensure that no

section of students in any particular state is deprived of the benefits of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme envisages the establishment of, on an average one Navodaya Vidyalaya, in each district of the country during the Seventh Plan Period. The education in these vidyalayas is being uniformly provided from VI to XII standard throughout the country;

(c) Statement I is given below: [Placed in Library See No. LT-6450/88]

(d) Statement II is given below: [placed in Library See No. LT 6450/88]

(e) and (f). Although no State Government/Union Territory Administration has opted out of the Scheme, the State Government of Assam, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu have so far not made any specific proposal for the establishment of Navodaya Vidyalayas in their States. These State Government have again been requested, on July 14, 1981 to send offers for the establishment of Navodaya Vidyalayas during 1989-90.

Construction of Cold Storage for NDDB

3193. SHRI A.J.V.MAHESHWARA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a contract was placed by National Dairy Development Board with a French refrigeration firm for the construction of cold storage for its fruit and vegetable project and if so, the details of expenditure incurred including amount paid in hard currency;

(b) whether this contract was awarded on the ground of non-availability of technology for different temperatures in cold storage; and