

Extracts from *Acorus calamus* as a larvicide, *Adathoda vasaka* as an egg production inhibitor have been tested by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.

[*Translation*]

Agriculture Colleges in Madhya Pradesh

2803. SHRI NANDLAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Madhya Pradesh where new Agricultural Colleges have been opened during the last three years; and

(b) the time by which Agriculture College is proposed to be opened in Sagar District of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Sir, Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur has established two Colleges of Agriculture, one at Khandwa and the other at Mandsaur without the concurrence of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research during the last three years.

(b) No proposal to start a College of Agriculture at Sagar has been received.

[*English*]

Navodaya Vidyalayas

2805. SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas proposed to be set up during the remaining period of current plan;

(b) the number of those which have been set up in areas/districts considered to be backward; and

(c) the distinctive features of the courses offered by the above Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) In view of the anticipated financial constraints, the Executive Committee of the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti in its meeting held on 9th September, 1988 has decided, as of now, not to open any new Vidyalaya during 1989-90.

(b) The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme envisages the establishment of, on an average, one Vidyalaya in each district of the country during the 7th Five Year Plan period in a phased manner, to be located, as far as possible in rural areas. So far 256 Navodaya Vidyalayas have been established in 29 States/Union Territories. While no specific information district-wise is available it is estimated that more than 50 percent of the Navodaya Vidyalayas are set up in districts/areas considered to be backward.

(c) All Navodaya Vidyalayas will be affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education. The syllabi prescribed by the Board for secondary and senior secondary classes will, therefore, apply to these Vidyalayas also. The Navodaya Vidyalayas will have all the four streams i.e. Humanities, Science, Commerce and Vocational. Physical Education, games, sports, yoga, cultural activities and fine arts project work, hiking, visit to places of educational, cultural and historical interest, adventure activities and work experience will be assiduously promoted and adequate arrangements made for them.

Production of Groundnut

2807. SHRI RANJIT SINGH GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise estimated production of groundnut during the year 1988 against the corresponding period of 1987;

(b) the average price per quintal of groundnut being received by the farmers, State-wise during the year 1988 against the prices received by them during 1987;