

(c) The institute will have facilities for training 675 trainees and testing 25 agricultural machinery every year. The estimated cost is Rs. 400 lakhs.

Subarnarekha Project of Orissa

1004. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for Integrated Watershed Management of flood prone river Subarnarekha at an estimated cost of Rs. 75.50 lakh has been forwarded by the Government of Orissa for approval; and

(b) if so, the action taken 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. The Government of Orissa had submitted proposals for Subarnarekha catchment in 1985 at a total estimate of Rs. 1885 lakh and annual proposal for 1987-88 for Rs. 75.74 lakh.

(b) The proposal of Government of Orissa was considered in consultation with the Planning Commission for inclusion in the Seventh Plan under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Watershed management in the catchments of Flood Prone Rivers. However, due to resource constraint, it was not possible to include Subarnarekha catchment in the Seventh Plan.

Setting up of Rescue Team for Mountaineering Institute in Manali (Himachal Pradesh)

1004. KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no rescue team attached to the Mountaineering Institute in Manali, Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up such a team so that it could render fruitful service in the event of any accident or casualty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The State Government of Himachal Pradesh has informed that there is no regular rescue team attached to the Mountaineering Institute, Manali. However, rescue assistance is provided by the Institute at certain vital points at Rohtang pass during winter months.

(b) At present there is no such proposal under consideration of the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh due to financial constraints. However, a State Level Rescue Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Himachal Pradesh exists to monitor and coordinate relief operations.

Loss of Green Card and Passports of Indian Immigrants/Visitors in USA

1005. SHRI SHANTILAL PATEL:
SHRI KALIPRASAD PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the immigrants/visitors of Indian origin to the US are increasingly being robbed of their green cards and passports;

(b) if so, the main reasons thereof;

(c) the number of such cases brought to the notice of Government during the year 1987 and 1988 so far and action taken

thereon;

(d) whether Government have taken up the matter with US Government; and

(e) if so, the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K.K. TEWARI): (a) and (b). The Government have seen some press reports in this regard but according to the information received from our Mission/Posts in the USA, there are no indications to show that Indian immigrants/visitors are increasingly being robbed of their passports or green cards.

(c) Out of the cases reported to the Indian Mission/Posts in the USA for issue of passports in lieu of lost or robbed passports, the latter category covers only a few cases. Most requests relate to misplacement or damaged passports or passports lost due to negligence.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

Coca-Cola Proposal to enter India

1006. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT:

CH. KHURSHID AHMED:

SHRI HET RAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coca-Cola, the US soft drink giant has expressed its desire to enter India;

(b) whether Government have since received any proposal in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government

thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No such request has been received.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Study in Architectural Treasure at HAMPI

1007. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeologists have taken up a study into the architectural treasure of Hampi in Karnataka;

(b) whether they have discovered a hidden water pond, Gold Coins and many other architectural items:

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by Union Government to discover more secrets about Vijay Nagar Empire and the hidden architectural valuables of Hampi?

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). During the course of excavations one ornate and one simple water-tank, gold coins, gold chain, large number of architectural fragments, five lime stone slabs carved with episodes from the life of Buddha, some having Brahmi inscriptions, sculptures of pre-Vijayanagar and later style, copper coins and vessels, pottery, terra-cotta figurines, beads and other antiquities have been found.