

in respect of Letters of Intent granted to IDCOL for manufacture of Ferro Nickel and Steel Ingots/ Billets.

U.G.C Assistance to B.Ed Colleges in Orissa

1040. SHRI SOMNATH RATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission provide assistance to B.Ed. Colleges which have been declared as Advance Institute of Education and Comprehensive College of Teachers Education;

(b) if so, the details of such colleges in Orissa and the University to which these are affiliated; and

(c) the reasons for not providing any assistance to B.Ed. Colleges under Berhampur University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAH): (a) No Sir. The Commission has not formulated any scheme for this purpose.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Commission provides assistance to Teacher Training Colleges which have a minimum number of 80 students and 10 teachers. The Commission has received a proposal from the Govt. Training Colleges affiliated to the Berhampur University, for financial assistance under this scheme, which is under examination of the Commission.

Production of Oil Seeds

1041. SHRI SOMNATH RATH:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be

pleased to state:

(a) the area under cultivation of oil seeds and the quantity of edible oil imported during last three years;

(b) whether the large quantity of edible oil is lost because of insufficient processing; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to accelerate self reliance and develop modern integrated processing technology to increase oil recovery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The area under cultivation of oilseeds and the quantity of edible oil imported during the last three years is as follows:

<i>Area (000 hect)</i>	<i>Quantity imported (Lakh M. Ts)</i>	
1985-86	19020	10.79
1986-87	18689	13.07
1987-88 (Prov)	20027	19.67

(b) Owing to various factors like difficulty in collection, lack of proper storage facilities, lack of modern processing facilities etc. India is annually losing substantial quantities of vegetable oils (edible and non-edible)

(c) In order to increase the production of edible oil so as to achieve self-reliance, various steps taken/being taken by the Government to cut edible oil imports are:

- (i) Setting up of a Technology Mission on Oilseeds.
- (ii) Better incentive to oilseeds growers through fixation of minimum support prices.

- (iii) Implementation of the Oilseeds Development Projects.
- (iv) Increase in area under non-traditional oilseed crop like soyabean and sunflower and exploitation of oil-seeds of tree and forest origin and rice bran.
- (v) Setting up of necessary processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with the production programme of oilseeds.
- (vi) Intensification of research efforts for increasing the productivity of oilseeds.
- (vii) Operation of the Excise rebate scheme for augmenting the production on non-conventional oils.
- (viii) Permitting the usage of solvent extracted groundnut and sesame oils in the manufacture of vanaspati.

Cultural Activities and Tours for Youth

1042. SHRI SOMNATH RATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sponsored any scheme to support cultural activities and tours among the youths from one State to another;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of assistance given for such activities in 1986-87 and 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA):

Cultural Activities and Tours for Youth

(a) to (c) The Central Government is implementing a scheme "Promotion of National Integration" which aims at promoting a spirit of national integration among the youth of the country through inter-state visits. National Integration camps and organisation of seminars and conferences on various themes of National importance. Such visits by young persons from one part of the country to the other, enable them to familiarise themselves with the environment, family life and social customs of people living in different parts of the country as also to comprehend and appreciate the common historical and cultural heritage of the country.

National Integration camps of students and non-student rural youth are organised to afford opportunities to youth to learn of inter-regional customs and cultural traditions. At these camps discussions are organised with the idea of emphasising communality and reducing mutual suspicions, tensions and hostilities between different religious groups. The participants are also made aware of the dangers of social evils and divisive forces which they must fight. Folk songs, dances, community singing, exhibitions, community service and celebration of festivals of different regions are some of the other features of the National Integration camps.

Seminars on the role of youth in popularisation of nationally accepted objectives such as democracy, socialism, secularism, pride in Indianness and development of a scientific temper are also organised.

During the year 1986-87, a sum of Rs. 106.60 lakhs and for the year 1987-88, a sum of Rs. 173.30 lakhs were released to voluntary organisations/universities/state governments for organising the above mentioned programmes.

Sale of NCERT Books

1043. SHRI SOMNATH RATH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT