

foodgrains except paddy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether procurement price for all foodgrains are fixed on the basis of cost of production;

(d) if so, why this policy is not being followed in the case of paddy;

(e) the time by which Government propose to announce higher procurement price for paddy and reasons for delay in this regard;

(f) whether any memorandum has been received by Government in this regard; and

(g) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b). The Government have increased the procurement price of paddy (common) from Rs. 150 for 1987-88 to Rs. 160 per quintal for 1988-89 season.

(c) and (d). The procurement/support prices are fixed for foodgrains including paddy taking into account a number of relevant factors including the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices which, inter-alia, takes into account the cost of production of the commodity.

(e) to (g). The Government have already announced the increase in the procurement price of paddy for the 1988-89 season.

[English]

Technology for Preservation of Mushroom

1848. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is much scope for the export of mushroom;

(b) whether any technology has been developed for the preservation of mushrooms; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysore, and the Regional Research Laboratory, Jammu, have evolved technology for canning and dehydration of mushrooms.

Three Language Formula by Central Board of Secondary Education

1849. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the brief particulars of the Three Language Formula adopted by the Central Board of Secondary Education for introduction with effect from the academic year 1989-90;

(b) whether the formula as adopted provides for the teaching of the mother tongue of students of linguistic minorities such as students in Hindi speaking States, whose mother tongue is neither Hindi nor English as compulsory or as optional lan-

guage;

(c) the number of academic years and hours of study allotted to First Second and Third Language under the Formula;

(d) the medium of instruction adopted by the Central Board of Secondary Education for subjects other than languages; and

(e) the medium of examination adopted by the Central Board of Secondary Education for subjects other than language?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) In keeping with the three language formula enunciated in the Education Policy of 1968 the Central board of Secondary Education has prescribed Hindi, English and one of the modern Indian languages for secondary school examination. Sanskrit will be taught alongwith Hindi as part of Hindi A Course. Also, the students may offer one of the seven classical and European languages including Sanskrit as an additional language on optional basis.

(b) According to the formula a student is required to study three languages and he may opt for any one of them to be as A course from Class I, which may be other than Hindi and English. this language may continue upto Class X in addition to Hindi and English which are compulsory at Secondary stage.

(c) :

- i) From Class Ist : A Course (First language) should be studied for not less than 10 years.
- ii) B Course (Second language) should be studies for not less than five Years and should start not later than Class VI.

- iii) C Course (Third language) should be studied for not less than four years and should start not later than Class VII.

Suggested periods of study of languages in Class X per week are as follows:

- (A) course 6
- (B) Course 5
- (C) Course 3

(d) Decision regarding medium of instruction is left to the State/Union Territories governments/Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan/Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti/Centre/ Tibetan Schools Administration/Schools.

(e) Delhi Scheme : The medium of examination in Mathematics can be Hindi or English. while in the remaining subjects it can be English, Hindi, Urdu, Bengali, Punjabi, Sindhi, Marathi, Gujarati, Telugu and Tamil

All India Scheme : The medium of examination for all subjects is Hindi or English except that;

- i) it can be Punjabi in the Union Territory of Chandigarh.
- ii) it can be Bengali, Urdu, Tamil, Telugu and Punjabi in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Central Fisheries University

1850. PROF. K.V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start a Central Fisheries University; and

(b) If so, where is it likely to be set up?