

students throughout the country, a large number of Nehru Mahavidyalayas on the pattern of Kendriya Vidyalayas should be established.

#### **Aluminium Phosphide Poisoning**

8134. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM:  
DR. G. VJAYA RAMA RAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been deaths due to aluminium phosphide poisoning in Rajasthan and other States during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the remedial measures 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) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### **Water Purification Plant in Visakhapatnam fishing Harbour**

8135. SHRI SODE RAMAIAH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply given on 20th April, 1989 to Unstarred Question No. 6276 regarding Supply of clean drinking water in Visakhapatnam Fishing Harbour and state whether there is any proposal to set up a water purification plant in the Visakhapatnam Fishing Harbour to solve the problem of clean drinking water in the coming fishing season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): No, Sir. filtered and treated water from the Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation is being supplied at the Fishing Harbour.

#### **Foreign visits by Staff of NIRD Hyderabad**

8136. SHRI MANIK REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Faculty Members and the other academic staff of the National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad who went abroad officially during the last three years;

(b) the criteria adopted for selecting the Faculty and other academic staff members in this regard; and

(c) the particulars of persons who are still abroad and the reasons for the stay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) Twenty Seven.

(b) and (c). The visit abroad of Faculty members and other academic staff can be in connection with higher studies, employment on deputation basis and representation at meetings/conferences and training programmes. The criteria kept in view by the National Institute of Rural Development while selecting those persons are Institute's requirement in training & research as well as the relevant academic excellence and performance of the personnel and their potentiality for future growth. visit abroad is also allowed if personnel are sponsored by institutions for higher studies.

Presently five persons are abroad. Three of them are pursuing higher studies, one has gone for employment on deputations basis and one for a training programme.

### Milk Production

8137. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Committees have questioned the milk production estimates in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and corrective steps taken;

(c) whether the various recommendations of Jha Committee made in 1984 specially in the area of estimates of milk production in the country have been implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and further action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The report of the Evaluation Committee on Operation Flood-II has indicated that there is need for improving both the methodology and instrument for collecting the relevant data. Various corrective steps taken are:-

- i) Persuaded the various States to carry out sample survey for the estimation of major live-stock production including milk and most of the States/UTs are conducting the sample survey for the estimation of major livestock products. The Union Government has re-

leased Rs. 191 lakhs for this scheme toward its share during the first four years of the Seventh Five Year Plan.

- ii) Conducted various training programmes in order to have uniform concepts and definitions in various States.

- iii) published the finalised statewise milk production data at the earliest and the milk production data upto 1986-87 has already been published.

(c) and (d). Most of the recommendations of the Jha Committee have been accepted and communicated to States for their information and necessary action as dairying is a State subject. The recommendation relating to milk production estimates has been accepted. A High Powered Technical Committee of Direction for Improvement of Animal Husbandry and Dairying Statistics set up by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation under the Chairmanship of Director Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (ICAR), New Delhi which has on its members representing various statistical organisations at the Centre and in the States, besides the subject matter specialists in the field of animal sciences identifies the important data gaps; proposes relevant statistical schemes or collection, analysis and dissemination of information; evolves suitable statistical methodologies and provides approval from time to time for release of results at the State/national level.

### MOU with Switzerland on Criminal matters

8138. DR. A.K. PATEL:  
SHRI BHADRESWARTANTI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: