

Schemes.

Expansion of Defence Agricultural Research Unit at Almora and Pithoragarh

3432. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand Defence Agricultural Research Unit at Almora and Pithoragarh (U.P.) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether land from farmers was acquired on a large scale in Pithoragarh for this unit;

(c) if so, whether the persons from the affected families have been provided jobs there according to their qualifications; if so, the number of affected families provided with jobs so far; and

(d) whether instructions have been issued to local officials to give priority in jobs to the affected families on the post lying vacant in the Unit;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) if so, whether these instructions are being followed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (f). Do not arise.

Central Authority for Himalayan Region

3433. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the constitution of a Central Authority for the coordinated development of Central Himalayan region, and

(b) if so, the time by which this Authority would be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). The proposal is still under consideration.

National Tourism Map

3434. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any national tourism map has been prepared;

(b) if so, whether spots of tourist attraction in Almora and Pithoragarh districts of Uttar Pradesh have been shown therein; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (c). The Department of Tourism has produced a tourist map of India on which major centres of tourist interest are shown including Almora. However, district boundaries are not marked.

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Air Service to Bhavnagar and Rajkot

3435. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: