

(DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER) : (a) to (c). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT 2006/78].

(d) There is no specific scheme to provide employment to those who obtain diploma from polytechnics. However, under the Apprentices Act, 1961 (as amended in 1973), they are afforded one years' practical training in industries. This increases their employability.

Extinction of Wild Life in Corbett Park, Nainital, U.P.

5347. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND INFORMATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of wild life in the Corbett Park in District Naini Tal of U.P. is gradually decreasing ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that species of some of the wild life are in danger of extinction ; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof and the steps taken and proposed to be taken to save the wild life from being extinct and also to induct new species of wild life in that sanctuary ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA) : (a) No Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Question does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above. No steps are, however, being taken to induct new species to the Park. The composition and density of the wild life population in the Park is adequate.

West Bengal concern over rise in Levy Sugar Price

5348. SHRI R.V. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that West Bengal Government has shown concern at the centre's decision to raise the retail price of levy sugar from Rs. 2.15 to Rs. 2.30 per Kg ;

(b) if so, whether the Agriculture Minister of West Bengal has written a letter to the Union Minister in this regard ; and

(c) Centre's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The decision to increase the uniform retail price of levy sugar from Rs. 2.15 to Rs. 2.30 per Kg w.e.f. 1-3-78 was taken in view of the overall increase in the cost of production and Primarily to enable sugar factories to continue to pay the existing level of sugarcane prices in the light of considerably reduced realisations from the sale of free-sale sugar. An increase of 15 paise per kg (about 7%) after a lapse of more than 5 years is not considered unreasonable, particularly compared to the overall increase of about 52% in the wholesale price index during the period.

"Rye-Wheat Hybrid is rust Resistant"

5349. SHRI R.V. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the press report published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 26th February, 1978 under the heading that Scientists claim rye-wheat hybrid is rust resistant ;

(b) if so, how far this is true ;

(c) whether this work is said to be the first of its kind in the World; and

(d) to what extent this will save our wheat which was being spoiled uptill now and to what extent this experiment will be helpful to the Nation ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION : (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the work of the Indian Scientists who have developed rust resistant Rye-Wheat hybrid commonly known as Triticales.

(b) The Scientists have achieved recombination between Rye and Wheat leading to the transfer of number of desirable characters, including rust resistance, from Rye to Wheat.

(c) No, Sir. Besides India, a number of countries such as Canada, U.S.A. USSR, Mexico, Hungary, Sweden, U.K. etc. have been working on the production of Triticales.

(d) The triticales produced both in India and outside are being tested under the All India Coordinated Wheat Improvement Project for the last four years. Although, several triticales are rust resistant but they have not shown yield advantage over wheat in the plains of India. However, some triticales appear promising in the Northern Hills. They are now in the final stages of testing. If successful, these triticales, will help to reduce losses due to diseases in the hills of Northern India.

Code of conduct for Students and Teachers

5350. SHRI PRASANNBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are proposing to have a code of conduct for students and teachers ;

(b) if so, whether any final decision in this regard has been taken ;

(c) if so, details of the same ; and

(d) whether teachers and students have been consulted before framing this code ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER) : (a) to (d). In the context of maintaining peace in the University campuses and keeping educational institutions free from all disturbances, a suggestion was made that there should be a code of conduct for teachers, karmacharis, students and even political parties. The Government agrees that it will be desirable to have such a code of conduct. However, no details have been formulated.

As a part of the scheme of revision of salary scales of teachers, it has also been suggested that each university should draw up a code of conduct for its teachers.

Release of White Printing Paper for Text Books

5351. SHRI PRASANNBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Publishers have warned that unless paper mills co-operated and released immediately the full quota of white printing paper they needed, text books for the coming academic year would either be priced very high or simply not available ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER) : (a) The Federation of Indian Publishers had represented that they were experiencing difficulties in obtaining concessional paper as also non-concessional paper at reasonable prices.

(b) Steps have been taken by Government to ensure increased inflow of the commonly used varieties of paper. The Paper (Regulation of Production) Order, 1978 has been issued on 8th March, 1978 which stipulates *inter-alia* that mills with an installed capacity of 25 tonnes per day or more are to produce white printing paper to the extent of 30 per cent of total production and five other varieties of writing and printing paper (cream laid or wove paper, coloured printing paper, duplicating paper, offset or litho paper and typing paper) to the extent of at least 33 per cent of total production, of which not less than 20 per cent shall be cream laid or wove paper. Steps are also being taken to increase the quantum of supply of concessional paper for the educational sector. The Paper Mills have been advised to make supplies of concessional paper expeditiously.

Conference of Historians and Academicians held at New Delhi

5352. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the conclusions and recommendations that emerged from a conference of historians and academicians held at New Delhi last month ; and

(b) action Government propose to take in respect to those recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER) (a) The Indian History and Culture Society, an organisation which