

विभाग, सनाथ कल्याण और संस्कृति मंत्री (श्री प्रताप चन्दा बन्ध) : (क) दिल्ली विश्व-विद्यालय द्वारा मेजी गई सूचना के अनुसार, पर्यवेक्षी स्टाफ, अर्थात् विश्वविद्यालय के अनुभाग अधिकारियों में, अपने वेतनमानों को संशोधित करने की माँग पर जोर देने के लिए 12 जनवरी, 1979 को उस समय प्रदर्शन किया जब कि विश्वविद्यालय की कार्यकारी पारषद् की बैठक चल रही थी।

(ख) इस सम्बन्ध में विश्वविद्यालय की विचारणा की विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान प्रायोग द्वारा जांच की जा रही है।

Employment generated through Agricultural Schemes

921. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state Statewise employment generated in terms of mandays through implementation of various agricultural schemes during years 1977-78 and 1978-79?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): The required information is not immediately available and is being collected from the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. It will be laid on the table of the House as soon as it becomes available.

I.C.A.R. Plan on Mushroom Cultivation

922. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether scientists of I.C.A.R. are drawing up a plan for extending the cultivation of mushrooms to household and bring down its current higher prices within the reach of ordinary consumers; and

(b) if so, progress achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BANALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work under a coordinated scheme for research on artificial cultivation of edible mushrooms is being carried out at Himachal Pradesh Agricultural University, Solan Campus, Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore and Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana. Besides, a number of places namely, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, Regional Research Laboratory (CSRI) Srinagar (Jammu and Kashmir), Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agricultural Technology, Kanpur, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and University of Calcutta, Calcutta are working on various aspects of mushroom cultivation. Moreover, Government of India with the help of World Bank and UNDP are assisting the Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir States for research and development programmes for home consumption and export of mushrooms in general and Button mushroom in particular.

To review the progress made in this field and to finalise the future programme for research and development, a National Seminar on research, production, processing and marketing of mushrooms was held on 20th, 21st January, 1979 at New Delhi. The recommendations of the said seminar are under consideration of the Government to further strengthen this work.

Expansion of Communication facilities in Madhya Pradesh during 1979-80

923. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for expansion of communications like opening of New Telephone Exchange, P.C.O.s etc. in Madhya Pradesh region during