

(b) if so, the quantity thereof; and

(c) whether the State Government has lifted the quota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (c). During the current year i.e. the year 1979-80, the Government of Meghalaya were allocated 2,000 M.T. of foodgrain under normal Food for Work Programme and 1000 M.T. under the special Food for Work Programme. The State Government have yet to start the process of utilizing the allocation.

मध्य प्रदेश में घने जंगलों को कृषि योग्य भूमि में परिवर्तित करना

679. श्री काली चरण शर्मा : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या डाकुआ की समस्या का हल करने के लिए तथा उम क्षेत्र के विनाम के लिए मध्य प्रदेश की चम्बल घाटी में घने जंगलों को कृषि योग्य भूमि में परिवर्तित करने की कोई योजना आरम्भ की गई थी .

(ख) यदि हा, तो इसकी उपनियमना क्या है और इसे भिण्ड जिले में आरम्भ न किया जाने के क्या कारण हैं , और

(ग) क्या यह योजना शीघ्र ही भिण्ड जिले में भी आरम्भ की जायेगी ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शंकर १० स्वामीनाथन) : (क) और (ख) डाकुआ की समस्या को हल करने के लिए और क्षेत्र के विकास के लिए चम्बल घाटी में घने जंगलों को कृषि योग्य भूमि में परिवर्तित करने की राज्य वन विभाग की कोई योजना नहीं है । भिण्ड जिले में घने जंगल नहीं हैं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं होता ।

### National Grid of Rural Godown and Post Harvest Technology to prevent Distress Sales

680. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a national grid of rural

godowns and post-harvest technology centres to prevent distress sales of poor farmers and panic purchase of affluent consumers; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). A scheme for the establishment of a National Grid of Rural Godowns has been launched from the current financial year. The objective of this scheme is to create a network of rural godowns in the States and the Union Territories primarily to take care of storage requirements of agriculture producers, particularly small and marginal farmers. The implementing agency in this scheme can be either a state warehousing corporation, or a market committee or a cooperative society. The implementing agencies would be entitled to a cash subsidy, not exceeding 50 per cent of the cost of construction. The expenditure on subsidy is to be shared between the Centre and States on 50:50 basis.

The scheme for setting up post harvest technology centres has not yet been finalised and is still at the proposal stage. A post harvest technology centre is aimed at the dissemination of information and demonstration of technology and practices of scientific storage and processing. The actual financial requirements for a Centre will depend on its location, crops grown in the area and activities undertaken by the centre.

विश्वविद्यालयों में अनुशासनहीनता

681. श्री हरि कृष्ण शास्त्री : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पिछले कुछ वर्षों के दौरान विश्वविद्यालयों में बढ़ती हुई अनुशासनहीनता के मुख्य कारणों की जांच कर ली गई है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

शिक्षा तथा स्वास्थ्य और समाज कल्याण संजी (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द): (क) और (ख). विश्वविद्यालय के छात्रों में असंतोष के कारणों की कोई खास जांच नहीं की गई है। तथापि, उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार अधिकांश मामलों में असंतोष के कारण हैं: छात्र प्रतिद्वन्द्विता और छात्र दलों के बीच झड़पें, नौकरियों, दाखिलो आदि में आरक्षण जैसे प्रश्नों के समर्थन अथवा विरोध में आन्दोलन, परीक्षा स्थगन तथा परीक्षा परिणामों का पुनरीक्षण, विश्वविद्यालयों के मामलों को बदलने आदि की मांग तथा परिवहन सम्बन्धी सुविधाओं आदि के अपर्याप्तता जैसे स्थानीय मामले।

**News item entitled "Indian Exports have Poor Image Abroad"**

682. DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the News Item entitled "Indian Exports have Poor Image Abroad" in *Financial Express* dated January 16, 1980 regarding the results of a study sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research and if so, the main findings of the said study;

(b) whether this study entitled "Export Marketing of Non-Traditional items" has also made any policy recommendations affecting policy formulation by organisations connected with foreign trade; and

(c) whether any efforts have been made to inform the concerned Ministries and organisations of the research findings relevant to applied aspects of such a research study?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) The news item has come to the notice of the Government. According to information furnished by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, the Council did not sponsor the study. The study has, in fact, been conducted by a research scholar of the University of Delhi for his doctoral dissertation which is yet to be evaluated by the University authorities. The Indian Council of Social

Science Research did finance the visit of the scholar to certain South-East Asian countries in connection with the research.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Supply of Diesel to Sindri Modernisation Plant**

683. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sindri Modernisation Plant is running intermittently due to the non-availability of the raw materials i.e. diesel if so, facts in details; month-wise break-up of the period of idleness of the Plant in last three months; and

(b) whether the existing Coal based plant would be renovated to act as the standby in case of diesel shortage in future?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Low Sulphur Heavy Stock/Fuel Oil and, not Diesel Oil, is the raw material used in the Sindri Modernisation Plant. It is a fact that the plant has been running intermittently due to non-availability of LSHS/Fuel Oil. The Plant has remained shut down since 16th January, 1980.

The month-wise break-up of the period of idleness of the Plant in the last three months is as under:

Month	Number of days of idleness
December 1979	10
January 1980	15
February 1980	29

(b) No, Sir. The old coal based plant at Sindri was closed down in February, 1978 since it had outlived