

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

its usefulness and was unsafe to operate. The question of renovating the plant to act as a stand-by for the Modernisation Plant does not, therefore, arise.

### Exploitation of Fish Potential

684. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a plan to exploit the additional potential for fishing with the declaration of the 200 miles exclusive sea zone; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main features of the programme include augmentation of survey and training facilities, building up fishing fleet of larger vessels by selective import and subsidy on indigenous construction, permitting joint ventures with foreign firms and chartering of foreign vessels, introduction of small mechanised boats, protecting the interest of traditional fishermen by earmarking, sea zone for their exclusive use, diversification of fishing and processing development of fishing harbours and evolving conservation regimes. The proposal for providing soft loans through Agricultural Refinance Development Corporation and Commercial Banks for procuring larger fishing vessels is also under consideration of the Government.

### Policy of Rural Employment

685. SHRIMATI PRAMILA DAN-DAVATE: Will the Minister of

RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have re-considered the present policy of rural employment; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN):

(a) and (b). The removal of unemployment and significant reduction of under-employment is one of the main objectives of the Five Year Plan.

The integrated rural development programme aims at the generation of additional employment in the rural areas. Presently, this programme covers 2,600 development blocks out of the total of 5,011 blocks in the country. It is under consideration whether all the development blocks in the country could be covered under IRD programme.

Another important programme is the National Scheme of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM), under which 200,000 rural youth are to be covered every year. Training in various technical skills is being imparted under this scheme. Thereafter, the rural youth are to be extended the facilities of tools and equipment, finances, raw materials and marketing in order to settle them in various projects of self-employment. It is proposed to enlarge the scope of this scheme so as to cover certain crafts and industries like carpet weaving, cottage match, etc. which would provide wage employment on a large scale. The 'food for work' programme will continue to provide employment to the unskilled manpower on a sustained basis. Its operations are proposed to be streamlined in order to make it a more effective instrument for generation of employment for the rural poor.