

Indian School of Mines

2786. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaint has been received regarding Indian School of Mines, if so, facts in details;

(b) whether Government propose to make a probe into the matter; and

(c) if so, when and if not, why not?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Some complaints had been received against the Director of the school alleging irregularities, corruption etc.

(b) The Executive Board of the School has already probed into the matter and found that there was no substance in the allegations.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Separate Postal Division for Madhubani

2787. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether new separate postal division of Madhubani has begun functioning; and

(b) if so, details thereabout including the number of employees, branch post offices etc. covered and the steps contemplated for further development of Communications facilities within this division?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) New Madhubani Postal Division has been functioning with effect from 1-11-1980.

(b) Madhubani Postal Division has 1008 employees including 718 Extra-Departmental employees and 314 Branch Post Offices. During 1981-85, it is proposed to open 25 Branch Post Offices and 25 Sub Post Offices.

Procurement of Grain and Chillies by N.A.F.E.D. in Tamil Nadu

2788. SHRI S. A. DORA1 SEBASTIAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the officials of the NAFED are showing partiality in the procurement of grains and chillies from the traders of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether several complaints in this regard are received from traders;

(c) what are the quantum of purchases commodity-wise; and

(d) whether a committee is to be constituted to disburse orders while purchases are done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) NAFED makes procurement through its constituent Cooperative Societies/State Co-operative Marketing Federations. Only in exceptional cases and emergent circumstances, some purchases are made from private trade. During the current year 1980-81 a small quantity of 4.453 metric tonnes of wheat was purchased in Tamil Nadu from private trade and no partiality was shown by the officials of NAFED.

(b) No, Sir.

(c)

	Commodity	Quantity (in mt. tonnes)	Value (Rs.)
I. From Cooperatives	Boiled rice	20.00	31,000.00
	Raw rice	16.00	35,200.00
	Tilseeds	114.75	5,56,057.00
	Chillies	6.623	43,711.88
II. From Trade	Wheat	4.453	9,690.21

(d) No, Sir. NAFED has a standing Business Committee which lays down policies and provides guidelines in matters relating to purchases, sales, etc.

Language used in Degree/Diploma of Universities

2789. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Degree/Diplomas of the Universities in Tamil Nadu are to be issued in local languages; and

(b) if so, whether the University Grants Commission has approved this step?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) The Syndicate of the Madras University is reported to have accepted a proposal to issue degree certificates in both Tamil and English, using a bilingual format.

(b) The University Grants Commission's approval has neither been sought for the purpose, nor is such approval necessary.

Damage to Mango Trees due to Disease

2790. SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that during the last three years,

Union Territory of Dadra Nagar Haveli and some other parts of the country, mangoes trees have been spoiled due to various tree diseases and as such the production of mangoes have been spoiled worth crores of rupees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how much loss incurred during the last three years (year-wise);

(c) what steps the Central Government have taken in this regard so as to cure the said diseases;

(d) whether the Government or any other agencies have tried or propose to try to procure any medicine and whether any research work have been done or will be done for its remedy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). Sir, the pests and diseases on mango crop occurred during the last three years in Gujarat and some other parts of the country. Precise estimate of loss due to the pest/disease problem alone is not readily available. Gujarat reported a loss of 52,500 tonnes in 1978 and 63,000 tonnes in 1979. 1980 was a normal season.