

Board was granted extension of service in public interest beyond the age of superannuation on 31-7-80 for a period of 3 months or till the new Chairman joined, whichever was earlier. He retired from Government service on 31-10-80 and a new Chairman has since joined.

The reconstruction of the Coir Board is under active consideration of the Government.

#### Manufacture of modern Missiles in Country

3165. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to make modern missiles in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to manufacture these missiles with collaboration of any foreign country; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (c). Certain types of modern missiles are already being manufactured in the country. However, there are proposals under consideration for indigenous manufacture of more modern missiles in collaboration with certain foreign parties. As these proposals are still at the discussion stage with parties concerned, it is not possible to give further details.

क्षेत्रीय अनुसंधान प्रयोगशाला, जम्मू के निदेशक द्वारा गठिया के बारे में की गई खोज

3166. आचार्य भगवान देव: क्या विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 12 अगस्त 1980 के दैनिक "न्याय" में 'गठिया की अत्यन्त प्रभावी औषधि' शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

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(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने गठिया रोग के लिए इस आयुर्वेदिक औषधि का परीक्षण किया है जिसके बारे में क्षेत्रीय अनुसंधान प्रयोगशाला, जम्मू के निदेशक ने दावा किया है कि यह इस रोग के लिये प्रभावी औषधि है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो यह कितनी उपयोगी और प्रभावी पाई गई है?

विज्ञान और औद्योगिकी तथा इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. पी. एन. सिंह): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग): मॉडकल कालेज, जम्मू में अभी औषधि का बड़े पैमाने पर परीक्षण कार्य चल रहा है।

#### Central sponsored scheme for Supply of Text Books to SC/ST Students

3168. SHRI A. C. DAS: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has any proposal to introduce any Central sponsored scheme to help the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Students during the Sixth Plan period;

(b) if so, whether any fund has been allocated for the supply of text books free of cost to the SC and ST students of Orissa during the above period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND LABOUR (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) The following Centrally Sponsored Schemes would continue to be implemented during the Sixth Plan to help the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes children:

(i) Post-matric scholarships,

(ii) Pre-matric scholarship to children of those engaged in unclean occupations,

(iii) Girls' Hostels,

(iv) Book-Banks, and

(v) Coaching and allied schemes.