

production, marketing and advertisement of different foods and feeding bottles. The draft code is under study by an Expert Group.

Drought in Tamil Nadu

3610. SHRI S. SINGARVADIVAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the drought in a number of districts in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu has sought for any Central assistance for the drought relief;

(c) the guidelines suggested for declaring a district as drought affected; and

(d) if so, what the Central Government propose to do in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) According to the State Government, scarcity conditions are prevailing in part or whole of the districts of North-Arcot, Dharmapuri, Padukotai, Chingleput, South Arcot, Ramanathapuram, Salem, Tiruchirapalli, Periyar, Thanjavur and Madurai.

(b) An advance intimation of the need for Central assistance has been received.

(c) There are no specific guidelines as such but the State Government consider the crop yields, the drying up of water sources and the extent of unemployment prevailing among the agricultural labourers before starting any relief work. In districts where crop yield is less than 50 per cent, land revenue is remitted.

(d) The Central Government is keeping a watch on the situation and will consider sending a Central Team to assess the needs of the State, as soon as a Memorandum is received from the State Government.

Pho D. from school of computer and system science

3611. SHRI C. CHINASWAMY: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the School of Computer and Systems Science has not produced a single Ph. D. during the last six years although more than one crore of rupees have been invested in the school;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) steps taken by Government to improve the school?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b). On the presumption that the question refers to the School of Computer and Systems Sciences of the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, the position is that the first admissions to the M. Phil Ph.D. programmes were made in 1976. The first student has already submitted his Ph.D. thesis and another is expected to do so shortly. 13 students have already been awarded M. Phil degree. The amount spent on Computers in the School is Rs. 36.81 lakhs.

(c) Does not arise.

Standard of Education

3612. SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether education lacks proper planning and half-hearted implementation of educational reforms, had created an academic crisis in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to improve the standard of education?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The