

उपचार उपलब्ध नहीं होता है, तो उस सामग्री को नष्ट कर दिया जाता है।

इस बात का कोई प्रमाण नहीं है कि राष्ट्रीय पौध आनुवंशिक संसाधन ब्यूरो द्वारा अनुसंधान प्रयोजनों के लिए वैज्ञानिकों को निर्मुक्त किए गए आयातित बीज व सामग्री से किसी विदेशी कीट/रोग की शुरुआत हुई है।

Advertisements to Souvenirs published by Consumers Organisations

2475. SHRIMATI PRAMILA DANDAVATE: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any steps to advise the Nationalised Banks and Public Sector Organisations and Government Undertakings to give advertisements to the souvenirs published by consumers organisation who are helping to curb the price rise; and

(b) if so, whether any assurance has been given by these organisations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Bio Gas from Grass

2476. SHRI NARAYAN CHOUBEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the possibilities of Bio-gas coming from grass rather than cow-dung (Hindustan Times of 8 January, 1982);

(b) whether the scientist of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research have come up with any new suggestion in bio-gas production; and

(c) if not, whether Government will appoint a separate National

Committee Board to look into the production of Bio-gas which is renewable source of energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. R. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Council of Agricultural Research has already undertaken an All-India Coordinated Research Project on Bio-gas Technology *inter alia* to study utilisation of cellulosic materials including grass. The work is reported to be at an experimental stage.

(c) A National Project for Bio-gas Development has been launched and the Ministry of Agriculture has already set up a High Level Standing Committee on Bio-gas Development.

Foreign aid for irrigation Projects

2477. SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) which are the irrigation projects that are helped or aided by the foreign countries or institutions and the amount spent on these projects; and

(b) have Government approached for fresh aid or help from any other external source for irrigation schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) A list of Irrigation Projects receiving assistance from various external agencies with details of credit assistance is attached.

(b) A number of projects have been posed to various external lending agencies like, IBRD, IDA, IFAD, USAID, EEC, UNDP, FRG and Saudi Fund for Development etc., and the Government keeps a dialogue with such lending agencies for fresh assistance which is negotiated as and when situation warrants keeping in view the requirements and suitability of the assistance available from a particular source for a particular project.