

These are on-going schemes and will continue throughout the Sixth Five Year Plan. Under the Integrated Rural Development Programme, assistance is provided to a target group of rural poor for raising their incomes above the poverty line. Any viable and bankable economic activity which is likely to raise the incomes of the targetted families could be assisted through this programme. The basic objective of the National Rural Employment programme is to generate additional Employment opportunities in the rural areas and create durable community assets which would strengthen the infrastructure in the rural areas for socio-economic development. Funds are allocated to the States on the basis of objective criteria and the programmes are being implemented according to the broad guidelines issued by the Government of India from time to time. States are not required to send specific proposals/schemes to the Central Government.

Setting up of Marine Natural Parks.

3327. SHRI DAULATSINHJI JAD-EJA:

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the marine natural parks envisaged to be set up;

(b) whether the State Governments have provided the pre-requisites for their location; and

(c) what infrastructure needs to be made in the way of forest lodges, patrol boats and glass-bottomed boats and has such budget provision been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) to (c). There is no proposal for setting up marine natural parks. However, two Marine National Parks have been set up recently—one by the Government of Tamil Nadu in the Gulf of Mannar and the other by the Government of Gujarat in the Gulf of Kutch. The

State Governments are competent to establish as well as manage national parks constituted under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Evolution of Training Programme for Panchayati Raj Bodies

3328. DR. SARADISH ROY:

SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to evolve any training schedule for the training of manpower needed to perform functions assigned to Panchayati Raj in consultation with the State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BAL-ESHWAR RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The State Governments provide training to Panchayati Raj functionaries according to their requirements.

विदेशों में वैज्ञानिक

3329. श्री तारिक अनवर: क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि लगभग 40 कृषि वैज्ञानिक विदेशों में हैं जो इस देश में लौटने के लिए तैयार नहीं हैं ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो तत्संबंधी कारण क्या हैं ;

(ग) सरकार ने भविष्य में इस प्रकार की कठिनाइयाँ उत्पन्न न होने इसे सुनिश्चित करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की है ; और