

(b) whether a thorough analysis had been made in this regard, if so, the conclusions thereof ; and

(c) whether Government propose to entrust the work to the leading agricultural research institutions to evolve a new species eliminating the harmful elements and produce a new hybrid variety of 'Kesari dal' rich in proteins and if so, the details thereof ?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI) :** (a) Yes.

(b) The analysis made by National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad had indicated that it contains a neurotoxin.

(c) The research work on the development of Khesari strain with low neurotoxin content is already being done by the concerned agricultural Universities and Indian Council of Agricultural Research Projects.

#### United Nations Conference on peaceful uses of Nuclear Energy

10309. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

SHRI S.B. SIDNAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a United Nations Conference on global co-operation in peaceful use of nuclear energy to help developing nations, is scheduled to be held in August this year ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the western nations are insisting on the nuclear non-proliferation for inclusion in the conference agenda ; and

(c) what measures the Government, in co-operation with other countries, propose to take to counter western domination in nuclear energy field ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A.A. RAHIM) :** (a) The proposed United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (UNCPICPUNE) will not be held in August-September, 1983 as originally planned. No date for the convening of the Conference has yet been fixed.

(b) All the industrialised countries of East and West, who are sponsors/proponents of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), are of this view.

(c) India's delegate to the Preparatory Committee (Prepcom) meetings for this Conference, which were held in New York in March, 1983, has placed on record its view, which is shared by several other countries, that non-proliferation should not be made a pretext for preventing States from exercising their full rights to acquire and develop nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, geared to economic and social development in accordance with their priorities, interests and needs.

#### Preservation of Memory of Freedom Fighters

10310. PROP. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn up any plan for preserving the memory of prominent freedom fighters and the freedom struggle in various States/regions of the country by setting up suitable freedom struggle museums and libraries and collect, preserve and publish the materials connected with the lives and struggles of the freedom fighters including the revolutionaries and the EX-INA Personnel ;

(b) if so, the details and the response of the State Governments ;

(c) if not, whether Government would draw up such a plan in consultation with