

so far been conducted by the Chief Engineer (Quality Control).

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of Mushroom Research and Training Centre

1173. SHRI GHULAM MOHAMMAD KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a national centre for mushroom research and training; and

(b) if so, the functioning of the proposed centre and estimated cost thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is setting up a National Centre for Mushroom Research and Training at Solan in Himachal Pradesh.

(b) The functions of this centre are as under:

(a) To conduct a survey of naturally occurring mushroom with a view to identify and catalogue the edible species for possibility of cultivation of promising strains thereof;

(b) To carry out research on all aspects relevant to cultivation, production, and post-harvest technology;

(c) To conduct research on spawn on *Agaricus*, *Pleurotus* and *Volvariella* etc., with a view to screen and evolve high yielding strains with wide adaptability using various techniques like introduction, mutation hybridization etc; and

(d) To train scientists, growers (including landless workers)

owners of home garden, teachers, students and extension workers.

The estimated cost of the National Centre for Mushroom Research and Training at Solan is of Rs. 18,35,600/- (Rupees Eighteen lakhs thirty five thousand six hundred only) for the period 1982-83 to 1984-85, during the Sixth Five Year Plan.

Sitting of Advisory Committee in the Ministry

1174. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the sittings of the various bodies (Advisory Committees) functioning under his Ministry;

(b) whether the standing committee on Central Ravine Reclamation Board which reviews the implementation of programmes of the States had a very few sitting during the last 7 or 8 years; and

(c) if so the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Damages to Drinking Water Wells in Orissa due to Floods

1175. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government are aware that a large number of open drinking water wells have been badly damaged and most of these wells had been filled up by debris in the State of Orissa due to flood;