

Missile Programme

168. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Foreign Secretary visited US in May, 1998 and discussed Pak's Missile programme with USA;

(b) if so, whether India's concern over the missiles and reports of Chinese, Korean and even American firms helping Pakistan in its developing missiles has been conveyed to USA;

(c) if so, the outcome of the talks; and

(d) the assurance U.S. Government has given to India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a) Yes, Sir. The Foreign Secretary's visit was in the context of the on-going broad-based dialogue with the United States.

(b) to (d) Government's concerns regarding Pakistan's missile programme with external assistance, have made known to all concerned including the US. The Foreign Secretary, during his recent visit to the United States, once again reiterated our concerns. The United States conveyed that it has raised this issue in its discussions, with the Governments of Pakistan and other countries, on this matter.

Bovine Growth Hormone

169. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have cleared commercial sale of synthetic Bovine Growth Hormone (BGH) for boosting milk yield;

(b) if so, the details of companies producing/marketing this Hormones;

(c) whether any study has been made into the effects of use of this hormone; and

(d) if so, the details of the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Preliminary results from limited and controlled clinical trials in cattle and buffaloes have shown that there has been some increase in milk yield. However, continuation of the trials have been recommended for assessing the long term effects.

Scheme for Development of Backward Areas

170. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have sanctioned any scheme for the development of backward areas in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the year-wise allocation of fund made to U.P. during the said period;

(d) the details of other schemes submitted by the Government of U.P. for seeking financial assistance as on date;

(e) the number of projects out of them related to backward areas; and

(f) the action taken by the Government so far in this regard and the time by which the allocation of fund will be made after sanctioning these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission allocate funds to the State for its overall development including the backward areas. The Government attaches high priority to development of backward areas and disadvantaged sections of Society and instructions to this effect have been given to State Government from time to time. The outlay approved for the State of Uttar Pradesh during 1995-96, 1996-97 & 1997-98 stood at Rs. 5721.63 crores, Rs. 6774.03 crores and Rs. 7481.33 crores respectively. The information relating to allocation of funds for backward areas is being collected from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(d) and (e) The Schemes submitted by the Government of Uttar Pradesh for seeking financial assistance relate to restoration of Capacity of Govardhan Drain; Construction of Bridges in Uttar Pradesh; Lift Irrigation in village Manrasa of Block Ramgarh; Construction of 4 Tubewells in Bhabar area of Nainital; Works pertaining to Nainital lake; Improvement of water supply in Lucknow Town; courses in B.Tech. at Birla Institute of Applied Sciences, Bhimtal (Nainital); Strengthening of Pathology Laboratory for Detection of Cancer in district Hospitals of Uttranchal; Development of Semap Flood Station in Bageshwar in Purda (Bainnath); Increase in Foodgrains Storage Capacity in Almora; Arrangement of Hydraulic Trucks for lifting of garbage by Nagarpalika/Panchayats; Construction of Bridges in Uttranchal; Construction of Roads in Tehri Garhwal & Pauri Parisar, etc. etc.

(f) The additional Central assistance approved for the State of Uttar Pradesh during 1995-96 & 1997-98 stood at Rs. 19.125 crores and Rs. 9.76 crores respectively.