

MWe), Kaiga Units - 3 & 4 (2 x 220 MWe), besides commissioning of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the 2 x 1000 MWe Nuclear Power Station at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu with Russian assistance and the commencement of preliminary work on the Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) (1 x 500 MWe) towards the end of Ninth Plan.

(c) There is no proposal to set up an Atomic Power Plant in Orissa.

(d) Does not arise.

Food Products

175. SHRI A.C. JOS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total production of black pepper in the country during the last three years particularly in Kerala;

(b) whether any Expert Committee has been constituted to tackle the problems of black pepper growers;

(c) whether this expert committee has submitted report to the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) The production of black pepper in the country and in Kerala for the years 1994-95 to 1996-97 is given below :

Year	Production ('000 tonnes)	
	All India	Kerala
1994-95	60.74	59.26
1995-96	61.58	59.94
1996-97	55.37	53.77

(b) to (d) The Expert Committee constituted by Government of Kerala recommended a package of programmes and activities under four Mini Mission Reports, viz., Research, Production, Storage marketing & quality improvement, and Export Promotion. The State Government of Kerala has proposed Technology Mission for Black Pepper for implementation as a state activity with total project cost of Rs. 221.62 crores for 7 years. The Mission envisages to pool available resources and efforts and integrate the activities of all State and Central Institutions/agencies located in the State and involved in development of this crop to work towards the objective of improving production and productivity of black pepper. Ministry of Agriculture released Rs. 1349.92 lakhs to Government of Kerala during 1997-98 under the on-going Centrally Sponsored Integrated Programme for Development of Spices (IPDS). Of this Rs. 9.24 crores were earmarked for development of black pepper, which include most of the components of the proposed Mini Mission-II (Production).

The Government of Kerala had submitted a Report on Technology Mission on Black Pepper (Macro and Mini Missions) to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has examined the report. Since the activities identified in the Technology Mission on Black Pepper involve inter-governmental and inter-ministerial coordination, the Planning Commission had sought for the comments from concerned departments. Final decision has not been taken with regard to financial implications of various participating agencies/departments.

[Translation]

N.G.Os in Agricultural Schemes

176. SHRI AJIT JOGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the 'Women in Agriculture' and 'Agricultural Extension' schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of non-Government organisations involved in these schemes; and

(d) the role played by each NGOs in these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Central Government has, from time to time reviewed the Schemes entitled "Women in Agriculture" and "Agricultural Extension through Voluntary Organisations.

(b) The performance of the schemes is reviewed through in-field reviews, annual meeting-cum-workshops, visits of inter-Disciplinary Teams and Internal Consultancy Studies.

(c) Presently no NGOs are involved in the implementation of the scheme "Women in Agriculture". 14 NGOs are involved in the implementation of the scheme "Agricultural Extension through Voluntary Organisations" covering 8 States. A list is given in Statement enclosed.

(d) Important functions of the NGOs include documentation of farming systems, preparation of audio-visual aids and organisation of crop demonstrations, farmers training and study tours.

Statement

Names of NGOs involved in Implementation of Scheme - Agricultural Extension through voluntary Organisations

1. Sri Aurubindo Institute of Rural Development, Gaddipalli-508201, Distt. Nalgonda, A.P.
2. Youth for Action 1-8-702/26/1, Padma Colony, Hyderabad - 500044 Andhra Pradesh.

3. Ramakrishna Ashram,
Morabadi, Ranchi - 834008
Bihar
4. Gram Nirman Mandal,
Sarvodaya Ashram,
Sodhodeora,
Nawada - 805106
Bihar
5. Shri Kshetra Dharamasthala
(Rural Development Branch),
Dharamasthala,
South Kanara - 574216
Karnataka
6. MYRADA, Damlur Layout
Kolar District,
Bangalore - 560071
Karnataka.
7. Ramakrishna Mission Ashram,
Narainpur,
P.O. Bastar - 494661
Madhya Pradesh.
8. Kasturba Gandhi National
Memorial Trust,
Kasturbagram,
Indore - 452020
Madhya Pradesh.
9. Manipur Ramakrishna Society,
Prajatantra Buildings,
Imphal - 795001
Manipur.
10. Ramakrishna Sewa Kendra,
Chebri, Khowai-700001
West Tripura
11. Vanvasi Sewa Ashram,
Via Turra Govindpur,
Sonbhadra,
Mirzapur,
Uttar Pradesh - 231221
12. Ramkrishna Mission Ashram,
Narendrapur - 743508
24 Paragana (s),
West Bengal.
13. Kalyan,
c/o Ramakrishna Mission
Ashram, Narendrapur - 743508
(District Purlea),
West Bengal.
14. Himalayan Action Research
Centre, 744, Indira Nagar
Phase - II, P.O. New Forest,
Dehradun - 248006
Uttar Pradesh.

[English]

Nuclear Policy

178. PROF P.J. KURIEN :
SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to review its nuclear policy followed so far ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian Government like American Government are concerned over the continuous help China is providing to Pakistan in the development of nuclear weapons; and

(d) if so, the steps the Government propose to take/taken by the Government to counter this threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):
(a) and (b) Following the recent nuclear tests at Pokhran on May 11 and 13, 1998, the Government are in the process of reviewing the nuclear policy of the country.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The security situation of India is constantly under review, in the light of developments in the neighbourhood and those connected with the efforts towards global nuclear disarmament. Government will take all necessary measures designed to cope with any threat that may be posed to the security of the nation.

Major and Medium Irrigation Projects

179. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the major and medium irrigation projects which were under implementation in the State of Orissa since 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) the details of the grants provided for each project by the Union Government and from the External Agency during the above period separately;

(c) the progress of those projects has been achieved as on date; and

(d) the details of the major and medium irrigation projects of Orissa which have been accorded sanction of the Union Government during 1997-98 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) to (c) The names of major and medium irrigation projects which were under implementation in the State of Orissa during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 along with their physical and financial progress are shown in the Statement. An amount of Rs. 104.83 crores has been provided as grant by the Union Government to only Pottery Irrigation Project.

(d) During the year 1997-98, no major and medium irrigation project of Orissa has been approved by the Planning Commission.