

(d) *The Department of Programme Implementation has the nodal responsibility for the Scheme at the Centre including its monitoring. For effective implementation of the works under MPLADS each State Government/UT Administration has to designate one nodal Department for physical monitoring through field inspection and for coordination with the Department of programme Implementation, Government of India. The Heads of Districts are required to visit and inspect atleast 10% of these works every year. Likewise, Officers at the Sub-divisional & Block level and of implementing agencies are also required to monitor implementation of these works through visits to work-sites.*

Nuclear Strike

6095. SHRI AJAY KUMAR S. SARNAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that while India is yet to formally establish a nuclear command and control apparatus a former Pak Army Chief has revealed that for the last several years they have already had in place a formal nuclear command with the Prime Minister controlling the nuclear button and the Chief of Army Staff delegated full authority to carry out a nuclear strike;

(b) if so, whether Indian Government has brought it into the notice of US in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of US Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) We have seen reports of the statement. Government is currently in the process of reviewing all aspects of India's nuclear policy including the establishment of command and control system for a credible nuclear deterrent. Government remains fully committed to take all necessary steps to effectively safeguard the country's security and national interests on the basis of its own assessment and national security requirements.

(b) and (c) The on going strategic dialogue with the United States covers a range of issues of mutual concern with a view to deepening understanding of each other's position on all issues, including on India's nuclear policy.

Development of Dairy and Animal Husbandry

6096. SHRI MAHBOOB ZAHEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a plan for establishing a Veterinary University for Veterinary Animal Science in each State independent of Agriculture Universities in order to develop the research and educational facilities in this sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) No, Sir. Holistic and integrated development of agricultural education is essential for sustained agricultural & animal sector growth.

(b) Not applicable.

Separate Department for Keralites

6097. SHRI T. GOVINDAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that the Kerala Government has a non resident Keralites Affairs Department to look into the matters related to Keralites working abroad; and

(b) if so, whether the Union Government are considering to set-up such a Division/Section separately to look into various matters relating to accident/death/legal problems of Indians?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These matters are already being dealt with by the Overseas Indians Cell in the Consular, Passports and Visas Division of the Ministry of External Affairs in close coordination with the Indian diplomatic mission/posts abroad.

Utilisation of River Water

6098. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of utilizable flow of water in the Narmada river and its present utilisation;

(b) the details of utilizable flow of water in the rivers flowing in the North-East of the country and their present utilization;

(c) whether the government have any plan for full utilization of the available water of these rivers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) As per the Award of Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (NWDT), the quantum of utilisable flow in river Narmada at Sardar Sarovar Dam site is assessed as 34537.44 million cubic metres on the basis of 75% dependability. Out of which, the present utilisation for various purposes has been assessed as about 4082 cubic metres.

(b) The quantum of utilisable flow in the rivers flowing in the North-East of the country has been assessed as 31950 million cubic metres. Out of which, the present utilisation for various purposes has been assessed as 3500 million cubic metres.