

CLIENT	ASSIGNMENT/PROJECT
Department of Biotechnology	Workshop on biosafety issues emanating from use of GMOs
Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority.	Study on formulation of national standards for organic farming
FUND SYNDICATION	
Animal Biotech Ltd., Bangalore	Development and commercialisation of diagnostic kits for animal health care management (SIDBI)
Sangeeta Biochem Ltd., Calcutta	Modernisation cum expansion project for production of lactic acid and its derivatives (Venture Capital Fund, IDBI)
Eastern Organic Fertilisers Ltd., Calcutta	Conversion of municipal garbage (IDBI)

"Museum of Natural History in Maharashtra"

2425. SHRI SURESH WARPUDKAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Regional Museum of Natural History in Maharashtra's Marathwada Region in order to promote non-formal environmental education and create conservation awareness among the people of this area;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Looking to the financial constraints and the administrative complexity involved in setting up regional museums, there is no proposal to set up any regional museum other than the three regional museums already approved. However, it has been decided to provide technical assistance to the museums which would be established by State governments and other statutory and non-governmental organisations.

Four lane National Highways from Pune to Satna

2426. SHRI PRASAD BABURAO TANPURE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned four lane stretch of National Highways from Pune to Satna;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work on this stretch has started;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether this work has been awarded to any private party; and

(f) if so, the names thereof and time by which the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. M. THAMBI DURAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Funds for Non-formal Education Centres

2427. SHRI RAJO SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of non-formal education centres in Bihar;

(b) the amount sanctioned as first instalment in this regard;

(c) whether the second instalment has not been released for these centres;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government contemplate to release the second instalment for these centres; and

(f) if so, the amount likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Non-Formal Education (NFE), this Ministry has sanctioned 50,000 and 3,640 NFE centres under State sector and Voluntary Agency sector respectively.

(b) to (f) Instalments are released on receipt of Quarterly Progress Reports, Annual Progress Reports, details of Accounts, audited statements and requests for continuation of NFE project. Due funds are released on the basis of completion of above formalities.