

Technologies Developed by CSIR

2462. SHRI ANNASHEB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the CSIR has developed technologies for reducing the post-harvest losses and for generating wealth and employment in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysore a constituent laboratory of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) have developed a number of technologies for reducing the post harvest losses and adding value to primary farm produce. Some of these technologies being simple, are extensively utilised for setting up tiny and cottage industries in rural sector which enable generation of wealth and employment in rural areas. The technologies developed are for conservation and processing of fruits & vegetables, cereals & pulses, spices & plantation crops, oilseeds and for infestation control.

Transfer of Assets of Incomplete Power Projects by SEBs

2463. SHRI MAGANTI VENKATESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the banks and financial institutions have favoured transferring assets of incomplete power projects by the State Electricity Boards to separate companies floated for their implementation;

(b) if so, whether the banks and financial institutions have informed the Government that such projects would be transferred to the new entity should be treated at par with the independent power producers;

(c) if so, whether the banks have also assured that such projects could also be provided with funds by the institutions; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the Government have agreed to these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) to (d) According to information available the banks and financial institutions have no proposal presently under consideration with them for transferring of assets of incomplete power projects by the State Electricity Boards to separate companies floated for their implementation.

Yoga Teachers

2464. SHRI B.M. MENSINKAI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether some Yoga Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas had threatened to self-immolate themselves if the injustice meted out to them was not undone;

(b) if so, the details of their grievances; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) One Yoga Teacher had threatened to self immolate on 23.11.1998 if his following grievances were not settled.

i) Confirmation as Yoga Teacher;

ii) Conversion as Physical Education Teacher (PET);

iii) Grant of Selection Higher Scale of pay etc.

He however informed Commissioner on 23.11.98 that he was withdrawing and postponing his self immolation.

(c) There are well defined guidelines rules for Confirmation and Conversion of Yoga Teacher and those Yoga Teachers who fulfil these requirements are Confirmed Converted into PET.

The above referred Yoga Teacher has not been confirmed since a disciplinary case is pending against him. He could not be converted into PET as he does not fulfil the requirements. As regards grant of Selection Higher Scale of pay to Yoga Teachers, the matter is under consideration of the Government.

Modernisation of Laboratories

2465. SHRI R.S. GAVAI : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the laboratories functioning under Council of Scientific and Industrial Research are equipped with old and obsolete equipments;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the money spent on the modernisation of laboratories in the last five years; and

(d) the steps taken to generate internal resources for the modernisation of laboratories?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) Over 80% of the laboratories functioning under Council of Scientific and Industrial Research were established over 30 years ago, as a result some of the equipments in these laboratories have become old or obsolete.

(c) Whilst some investment in modernisation of equipment in the laboratories has been going on over the