

*[Translation]***Setting Up of Meteorological Centres**

3499. SMT. RAMA DEVI : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to expand the network of Meteorological Centres to give prior information about cyclones and post-cyclonic situation in various coastal States;

(b) if so, the details of such centres proposed to be set up during the ninth Five Year Plan period, location-wise; and

(c) the steps taken in this direction so far ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) to (c) India Meteorological Department has six Cyclone Warning Centres in operation along the east and west coasts of the country covering all the coastal areas of maritime States. These centres provide a proven and reliable system for cyclone warning and its dissemination to different Government functionaries, public and other users. The present set up of Cyclone Warning Centres is found adequate and no necessity is felt for establishing new centres during the ninth Five Year Plan period. However, during ninth Plan, the cyclone warning system is planned to be enhanced by induction of latest state-of-the-art technologies.

*[English]***Export of Ships**

3500. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA :
SHRI MOINUL HASSAN AHAMED :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have received any request from the Government of Kerala regarding the policy decision and necessary action for the export of ships built at Cochin Shipyard in exchange for import of Iranian crude;

(b) if so, the details of this barter transaction with Iran suggested by the Kerala Government; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) to (c) A request was received from Smt. Suseela Gopalan, Minister for Industries and Social Welfare, Government of Kerala for export of ships built at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) in exchange of import of Iranian Curde Oil. Cochin Shipyard Limited were asked to work out a detailed proposal. No firmed up proposal has been received.

Corruption in Judiciary

3501. SHRI AMAN KUMAR NAGRA : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a large scale corruption in judiciary particularly in lower courts;

(b) if so, the number of corruption cases that came to the notice of the Government during the last five years and involvement of officials, category-wise and State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to weed out corruption from judiciary during the last five years, State-wise;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. M. THAMBI DURAI) : (a) to (e) The subject matter regarding corruption in lower judiciary is the concern of respective State Governments and High Courts in accordance with the provisions of Article 235 of the Constitution of India.

Central University for Agriculture

3502. SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH . Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central University for Agriculture located in Manipur is not functioning properly;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this Central University does not have a proper library building; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the Ministry of Agriculture, the Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur is fully functional from 1993-94 Session. Currently, teaching programmes are being conducted in three states, namely, College of Agriculture, Imphal, Manipur; College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandary, Selesih, Mizoram; and College of Fisheries, Agartala, Tripura.

(c) and (d) All the three Colleges have their own library buildings located at their respective college campus. New College buildings including provision for library are presently under construction.