

Smuggling of Rice

3105. SHRI TATHAGAT SATPATHY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the smuggling of rice from Orissa; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to stop the smuggling of rice from the State particularly from Kalahandi district which is under severe food scarcity every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PAL SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Indo-Dutch Programme on Alternative and Development

3106. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics has undertaken a comprehensive research programme under the Indian Council of Social Science Research Indo-Dutch programme on Alternatives and Development;

(b) if so, the role of the Government in the programme;

(c) whether CSSR-IDPAD cluster meeting and Indo-Dutch seminar were held in Delhi in January; and

(d) if so, the issues discussed and outcome thereof alongwith the details of participants and their expert opinion?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) As per the information furnished by the Indian Council of Social Science Research the Department of Geography at the Delhi School of Economics is implementing a project under the theme of Environment and Sustainable Development in the Current Phase of the Indo-Dutch Programme on Alternatives in Development (IDPAD), a collaborative programme of the ICSSR and

Netherlands Foundation for the Advancement of Tropical Research (WOTRO).

(b) The Government had approved the IDPAD in principle but has no role in implementation of the project.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, a cluster meeting which is an integral part of project implementation was held in the Delhi School of Economics on 29-30 January, 1999.

Details of the issues discussed and outcome and alongwith the list of participants enclosed as statement.

Statement

ICSSR-IDPAD Cluster Meeting — Major Issues Discussed

Project Presentation No. 1

Major Issues: Changing Role of the State in Urban Development: The Provision of Basic Amenities To Urban Poor In The Context of Unplanned Growth In the Metropolitan Peripheries of Delhi (India) And Colombo (Sri Lanka). Project Representative: Prof. Amitabh Kundu, CSRD, JNU, New Delhi.

Project Presentation No. 2

Major Issues: Grassroot Level Initiatives And Sustainable Development: Exploring The Potential of Grassroots Level Initiatives, Organisation And Experties For Sustainable Development: Alternative Strategies For Policy Implementation And Communication In Urban And Rural Tamil Nadu. Project Representative: Prof. D. Kolff, University of Leiden, Prof. P. Appasamy, Ms. Ban Everd and Mr. Ajit Menon, Institute of Development Studies, Chennai.

Project Presentation No. 3

Major Issues: Environmental Degradation And Its Socio-Economics Implication In the Rural-Urban Fringe of Delhi. Project Representative: Dr. R.B. Singh, Deptt. of Geography, University of Delhi.

Project Presentation No. 4

Major Issues: Sustainable In Practice: Exploring Innovation in Urban Domestic Solid Waste Management In India. Project Representative: Dr. M. Nageshwar Rao, Mr. Charles Nelson, Institute of Socio-economic change, Bangalore.