

(c) and (d) A system has already been put in place for reception, interrogation and sifting out the militant elements from ordinary refugees. The militants/their supporters are detained in Special Camps for restricting their movements.

(e) About 57,000 refugees who entered India before 1992 are still staying in refugee camps in Tamil Nadu. About 30,000 refugees who are registered with the State Government are living outside the refugee camps.

(f) The Government of India have conveyed their concerns at the recent refugee influx to the Sri Lankan authorities who have assured that efforts are being made to control the situation. These include the steps to ensure adequate food supplies, relief activities and presence of International Relief Agencies in the area. There is no recent influx of refugees from Mynamar. As regards Bangladesh, the problem of illegal migration has been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh, on various occasions. The Various measures taken to curb and prevent infiltration include strengthening of the BSF, fencing, flood lighting and patrolling; surveillance on the coastal area and intelligence gathering, sharing and coordination. JWG and BSF-BDR Fora are also regularly used for raising the issue in the context of proposed preventive measures.

[Translation]

Directorate of Maize

5078. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the place where the Directorate of Maize is located;

(b) whether the maximum maize is produced in Bihar particularly in Begusarai district:

(c) if so, whether no maize research centre is there;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to set up Directorate of Maize in Begusarai district of Bihar; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The Directorate of Maize Research (ICAR) is located at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.

(b) Yes, Sir. Maximum maize is produced in Bihar. In Bihar, Begusarai has maximum area.

(c) Under the All India Coordinated Maize Improvement Project (ICAR), two research centres are already in operation at Agwanpur (Distt. Saharsa) and

Dholi (Distt. Muzaffarpur). The Agwanpur Centre is just adjacent to Begusarai district and caters to the need of Begusarai region also.

(d) and (e) It is proposed to develop a Centre of Excellence for Maize Research at IARI, Regional Station, Pusa, Distt. Samastipur (Bihar) under the Directorate of Maize Research. The Centre will cater to the need of entire Bihar State. Agwanpur centre will be further strengthened to work on improvement of maize for spring season. It is also proposed to open a centre during the IX Plan at Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi for the benefit of South Bihar and tribal areas.

[English]

Transportation of Essential Commodities

5079. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wagons for Karnataka allotted by the Railways for the transportation of essential commodities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the number of wagons allotted to Karnataka is sufficient for the transportation of essential commodities in Karnataka; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the demand in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (d) Statistics regarding allotment of wagons is maintained Railway-wise and not State-wise. However, requirement of wagons for transportation of essential commodities to and from Karnataka are being adequately met.

[Translation]

Misuse of Railway Passes

5080. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the misuse of railway passes by the staff of Allahabad Division of the Northern Railway;

(b) if so, whether any order for inquiry was issued in this regard;

(c) whether the process of inquiry is still in progress or has been completed; and

(d) if so, the details of the persons found guilty and the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The inquiry is in progress.

(d) Does not arise.

Restriction on Marketing of Insecticides

5081 SHRI BHIMRAO VISHNUJI BADADE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Insecticides Board, Fardabad has restricted the marketing of indigenously developed insecticides name 'Indira' certified by the Dandi Krishi Vidyalayapitha, which are very beneficial to crops besides being harmless to the farmers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to remove this restriction?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Sir, no such restriction has been imposed by the Government of India. Besides, no application for registration of 'Indira' is pending with the Registration Committee, constituted under the Insecticides Act, 1968 for granting registration for import, manufacture, sale and use of insecticides in the country.

(b) and (c) In view of reply to (a) above question does not arise.

Water Logging at Faridabad Railway Station

5082 SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is the problem of stagnation of water especially in the rainy season at Faridabad railway station; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken for proper drainage of the stagnated water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A work for improvement of the drainage system at Faridabad has been sanctioned and the work will be taken in hand shortly after completion of the requisite formalities.

[English]

Joint Programmes for Disposal of Hospital Waste

5083 SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any joint programmes with Bangladesh for the disposal of waste including hospital waste; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Rail Link to Bangladesh

5084 DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to undertake electrification work on Ranghat-Gede section for the facilitation of rail transport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard specially as the said rail line, links to Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) There is no proposal at present to electrify Ranghat-Gede section.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Export by rail to Bangladesh via Gede-Darsana is limited by the infrastructural constraints on Bangladesh Railway.

Rail Bridge

5085 SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a rail bridge over Bhagirathi connecting Jiaganj with Azimganj;

(b) whether the rail journey from Sealdah to North Bengal and North Eastern States would take lesser time if the said bridge is reconstructed;

(c) if so, whether the Government are considering to conduct a survey to reconstruct the said bridge; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Diesel Engine

5086 DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: