

Indian Citizenship to Sri Lankan Tamils*[English]*

1040. SHRI A. SAMPATH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Sri Lankan Tamils of Indian Origin who came to India since 1977 had urged the Government for the grant of permanent Indian citizenship;

(b) whether they had suggested grant of identity cards till their citizenship request is decided;

(c) whether the Government are considering their request sympathetically; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) A copy of a representation from the Welfare Association of Sri Lankan Tamils of Indian Origin has been received in this Ministry. The matter is under consideration.

*[Translation]***Declaration of Bhopal as Gas Affected Area**

1041. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the last time when the Prime Minister visited Bhopal, representations were given to him to declare the entire Bhopal as gas affected area for making arrangements to provide assistance on that basis;

(b) whether such proposal had been under consideration of the Union Government for the last six-seven years; and

(c) the decision taken by the Union Government on the representation given to the Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The representation is under examination.

Israel's Assistance to Kerala for Agricultural Production

1042. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to assist the Government of Kerala for increasing the agricultural production in view of the fact that even country like Israel has shown keen interest to send an expert delegation to explore the possibilities in this field;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) No proposal has been received from Israel to send an expert delegation to explore the possibilities for increasing the agricultural production in Kerala.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Ban on Inter-State Movement of Wheat

1043. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are planning to ban the inter-state movement of wheat by the traders and farmers from the wheat surplus regions of Punjab, Haryana and Western Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Global Environmental Protection

1044. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Western nations attempted to introduce new issues in AGENDA-21 on global environmental protection;