

been found possible to provide the Force due to commitments elsewhere. However, the Bihar Government have been advised to optimise their own resources and manpower to deal with the problem.

#### **New Agriculture Policy**

1548. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA :  
DR. ASIM BALA :  
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA :  
DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :  
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have finalised the Draft Resolution of the New Agriculture Policy;

(b) if so, the salient features of the Draft Resolution of the new Agriculture Policy; and

(c) the date by which the new Agriculture Policy is likely to be announced ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA ) : (a) to (c) A Draft Agriculture Policy Resolution prepared by the Government was recently discussed in a meeting of State Agriculture Ministers held at New Delhi on 19 Feb., 1997. The major thrust of the draft Resolution is on :

- (i) removal of regional and crop imbalances,
- (ii) increase in investment in the agriculture sector,
- (iii) grant of facilities to agriculture as are available for industry without the regulatory and tax collection mechanism of the industrial sector,
- (iv) making available inputs at reasonable rates to the farmers in the proximity of their fields,
- (v) easy availability of credit at reasonable rates of interest to the farmers,
- (vi) human resource development,
- (vii) focus on agricultural research, and
- (viii) relaxation of controls in agriculture sector.

The draft Resolution is under finalisation keeping in view the suggestions made in the Conference.

#### **Gas based Fertiliser Factproes**

1549. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the production of chemical fertilizers plants is linked to Hazira (Gujarat) gas pipe lines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of losses caused as a result of shortage of gas to these plants; and

(d) the details of action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) The following fertilizer plants are alimented from the land fall point at Hazira and by the HBJ pipeline:

- (i) Hazira unit of Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited;
- (ii) Vadodara unit of Gujarat State Fertilizer Company;
- (iii) Vijaipur unit of National Fertilizers Limited;
- (iv) Aonla unit of Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited;
- (v) Jagdishpur unit of Indo-Gulf Fertilizers and Chemicals Corporation Limited;
- (vi) Gadepan unit of Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited;
- (vii) Babrala unit of Tata Chemicals Limited; and
- (viii) Shahjahanpur unit of Oswal Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited.

(c) and (d) In January 1997, ONGC had undertaken a partial shutdown for 23 days, affecting the gas supply to the consumers mentioned above. The production shortfall on this account during January 1997 was 2.02 lakh tonnes. ONGC has completed the work of platform modification in the South Bassein field to increase the gas handling capacity of the platforms. With this, the receipt of gas at Hazira has increased. ONGC plans to drill additional wells in the Bassein field, which is expected to further increase the supplies ex-Hazira and along the HBJ pipeline.

[Translation]

#### **Terrorist Incidents in Punjab**

1550. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of incidents of terrorism occurred in Punjab during 1996;

(b) the number of civilians, terrorists, security force personnel killed/injured in these incidents;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the situation; and

(d) whether some persons have to leave their native places due to these incidents and took shelter somewhere else ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) There were three (3) terrorist related incidents in Punjab during 1996.

(b) Number of	Killed	Injured
Civilian	1	2
Terrorist	3	Nil
Security Force Personnel	Nil	Nil

(c) Following the setting up of a popular Government in Punjab in Feb., 1992, the Security Forces in the State backed by the Intelligence inputs of the Central Security Agencies had brought terrorism under control and established peace and normalcy in Punjab. This is evident from the fact that only three suspected incidents of terrorist violence were reported in the State in 1996. However, Government is keeping a close watch on the situation and all necessary steps including gearing up of intelligence and sharing of information regarding terrorist activities are being taken.

(d) No, Sir.

[English]

#### Farming in Dry Land

1551. SHRI B.K. GADHVI :  
SHRIMATI BHAVNABEN DEVRAJ BHAI  
CHIKHALIA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Regional Research Station of Central Arid Zone Research Institute situated at Bhuj in Gujarat is experimenting crops to be produced in the dry land;

(b) if so, the date from which this research station is situated there;

(c) the details of expenditure made over administration and other expenses for this Station till date;

(d) the production, in terms of money received from the said Station; and

(e) the results of the experiments conducted at the Station ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The regional research station was established in 1987 in village Kukma near Bhuj in Gujarat.

(c) Till date an expenditure of Rs. 22 lakhs in establishment and Rs. 29.22 lakhs in works (office building, farm house, residential quarters, underground water storage tank) totalling to Rs. 57 lakhs has been incurred.

(d) The farm produce worth of Rs. 98,000 has been sold till date.

(e) The results of the experiment conducted at the station are as under :

1. Identification of suitable grasses : *Lasiurus sindicus* strain no. 1952, *Cenchrus ciliaris* strain No. 75 (Marwar anjan), *C. setigerus* strain no. CAZRI-76 (Marwardhaman).
2. Screening of tree species : Among the tree species, Neem is more suitable than subabool or Isreali babool.
3. Identification of fruit crops : Ber cultivar Gola and seb are most suitable.
4. Alternate Land use : In silvi pastoral system *Cenchrus ciliaris* and *C. setigerus* were grown with *Azadirachta indica* and *Acacia tortilis*.

[Translation]

#### Crimes in Trains

1552. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT :  
SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH :  
SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES :  
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :  
SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the incidents of robbery and looting in trains have increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of incidents of robbery and looting in trains reported during the said period and the value of items looted along with the persons killed/injured in these incidents; and

(c) the measures taken/contemplated to check such incidents in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) Available information is given in the Statement. Information relating to value of items looted and persons killed/injured in the incidents is not maintained at the Central level.

(c) Registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime, including the crime on Railways, is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments. In the States, a separate organisation known as the Government Railway Police (GRP) usually exists to deal exclusively with crimes committed on trains and at Railway Stations. The Central Government, however, sends advisories and provides financial assistance to the State Governments to strengthen their policing infrastructure.