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TRANSFER OF COPYRIGHT OF DATABASES
ADHI SANKAR;BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Institute of Science Communication, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, transferred copyright of its databases, Wealth of India and Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Abstracts to Asian Health Environment and Allied Databases, after 1994;
- (b) if so, the details including copy of the aforesaid agreement ; and
- (c) if not, the action taken or proposed to be taken, if any, against the Asian Health Environment and Allied Databases for publishing above valuable databases consisting medicinal plants, mineral resources etc. in CD-ROM entitled "Wealth Asia" marked as copyright 1997?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a)&(b) : No Sir, National Institute of Science Communication (NISCOM) contributed two of its databases for CD-ROM project c AHEAD. The copyright of the individual databases including in Asian Health Environmental and Allied Databases(AHEAD) CD-ROM discs rested with the participating organizations of AHEAD which contributed data. The copyright of Wealth of India and Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Abstracts databases remained with NISCOM. 40% of the net sales revenue generated was to be paid to the copyright owning organization. The discs had an expiry mechanism and could be used for a limited period of one year from the date of their release. The last disc was brought out in 1998. NISCOM resigned from AHEAD w.e.f. 21st September, 1999

(c) : Does not arise.