GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3737 ANSWERED ON:22.08.2005 NON SCIENTIFIC WORK BY SCIENTISTS Hamza Shri T.K.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether sometime in the past Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) had given assurance that non-scientific work of routine nature will not be entrusted to scientists;
- (b) if so, whether instructions have since been issued to Directors of Various Research Institutes for strict compliance of this policy;
- (c) if so, the details of the violations, if any, noticed during the last three years and thereafter, institute-wise;
- (d) whether the responsibilities of Guest House Supervision, Welfare Officer, Campus in-charge etc. at IASRI, continue to be discharged by a Principal Scientist of the Institute; and
- (e) if so, the reasons for not taking action against such violations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir.
- (c) No violation observed.
- (d) & (e): As per the prevailing system in ICAR, Guest Houses are placed under the charge of Administrative Officers while the duties of wardens of hostels, Welfare Officer, campus in-charge are looked after by Scientists. There is no establishment in IASRI, which is exclusively a guest house. There is a hostel called 'Panse Hostel'. It houses the trainees of various ad-hoc training programmes conducted under Centre of Advanced Studies, Summer Schools, Winter Schools and other national and international training programmes. The scientists and other officers of the National Agricultural Research System visiting Delhi also stay in this hostel. The Assistant Administrative Officer has been assigned the overall charge of this establishment. Since trainees of various training courses stay at the Panse Hostel, a Principal Scientist has been assigned the duty of Student Hostel Warden, Welfare Officer and Campus incharge.