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PNB SCHEME FOR FARMER TRAINING CENTRE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Punjab National Bank has formulated any scheme for opening Farmer Training Centre to train the farmers, rural women and youth for the employment of their choice and improve their life style;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether other nationalized banks have also formulated similar schemes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of Farmers Training Centres proposed to be set up, bank-wise, State-wise and location-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

- (a)& (b): The Punjab National Bank through its Farmers` Welfare Trust has formulated a scheme for training of farmers, rural women and youth for improvement in their skills. Under the scheme, the bank proposes to develop training centers to provide hands on training on improved methods of cultivation, diversification of crops, mushroom production, cultivation of medicinal plants etc. The Bank also provides training for rural women for upgradation of their skills in embroidery, sewing and pickle making.
- (c) to (e): The required information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.