

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.