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REVIEW OF FUNCTIONING OF CSMRS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed/proposes to review the functioning of Central Soil and Materials Research Station (CSMRS);
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the achievements made by this Research Station during the last one year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (b): The functioning of Central Soil and Material Research Station (CSMRS) is reviewed from time to time by the Governing Council and the Standing Technical Advisory Committee. With a view to evaluate the performance of CSMRS during the X Five Year Plan, the Government had commissioned an independent evaluation study by Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore. The Terms of Reference of the evaluation study by IIM, Bangalore also included review of the organizational structure and suggestion for necessary modifications to improve the capability of CSMRS. IIM, Bangalore has submitted the report on the evaluation study and has concluded that CSMRS has done commendable work in field testing and investigations and that applied research is satisfactory but not much is being done with respect to fundamental or basic research. IIM Bangalore has made several recommendations including that in respect of re-structuring of CSMRS. Comprehensive review of cadre structure of CSMRS has also been recommended.

(c): Important achievements of CSMRS during the year- 2009-10 are as under.

Sl.No. Activities	Achievements
1. Number of Laboratory tests conducted	8315
2. Number of projects for which field investigation were undertaken	54
3. Number of technical reports finalized	60
4. Number of monograph / Manual completed	2
5. Number of research/technical papers published	25
6. Number of detailed project reports (DPRs) examined for technical appraisal	21
7 Number of training programmes, workshops etc. organized	8
8. Quality Control/Quality assurance projects	3