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22.	Tamil Nadu	25007
23.	Tripura	1591
24.	U.P.	64799
25.	W. Bengal	35090
UNION TERRITORIES		
1.	A&N Islands	154
2.	Chandigarh	31
3.	Dadra & N. Haveli	71
4.	Daman & Diu	13
5.	Delhi	315
6.	Lakshdweep	19
7.	Pondicherry	142
Total		470854

Note : Totals may not tally due to rounding of figures.

Source : Directorate of Economics & Statistics, M/O Agriculture.

Agricultural Research

3224. SHRI D.S.AHIRE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has been signed recently between Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Iowa State University in the field of agricultural research and exchange of scientists for joint collaborative research; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) ICAR signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Iowa State University on 28.1.98 at Ames, Iowa (USA) in the field of agricultural research.

Under Article III of the agreement, the first Workplan for the biennium 1998-1999 between ICAR and the Iowa State University was signed at New Delhi on 1st May, 1998. It includes areas of mutual interest, exchange of scientists on consultancies/delegations and joint collaborative research projects. Follow-up action on each of the items has been initiated.

Atomic Missiles

3225. SHRI PRABHUNATH SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has placed its atomic missiles on the Sino-Indo borders threatening almost the entire Indian territory;

(b) whether like-wise Pakistan too has placed its "Ghauri" missiles on its borders facing India;

(c) if so, whether a complaint to this effect has been lodged with the U.N.;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Government closely monitors all developments on its borders. There have been no recent developments which indicate that either China or Pakistan have openly deployed nuclear missiles on their borders with India though it is a known fact that both countries possess nuclear capable mobile missiles.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Under the Shimla Agreement there exists a framework for discussing bilateral issues with Pakistan. Similarly, with China also there exist mechanisms, including the Joint Working Group, to discuss matters of mutual concern. Government will continue to press India's concerns in bilateral discussions with China and Pakistan. These concerns have also been shared with other interlocutors during bilateral discussions at all levels.