

Statement-II

*Funds provided by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of
Agriculture for developmental activities*

(Rupees in lakhs)

Purpose	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	Total
Funds to ICAR for Breeder Seed production and Frontline Demonstrations	920	330	500	1750
To State Governments under oilseed production programme	9400	8469	8919	26788
Total	10320	8799	9419	28538

*[English]***Modernisation of Passport Office**

1098. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to modernise and computerise all the Passport Offices in the country;

(b) if so, the name of the Passport Offices which have been computerised so far;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to modernise and computerise and also improve the working of Regional Passport Offices in Bhubaneswar; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE):

(a) Yes.

(b) The Passport Offices at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calcutta, Chandigarh, Chennai, Cochin, Delhi, Goa, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Mumbai, Trichy and Trivandrum have been computerised.

(c) and (d) A comprehensive project to computerise and modernise all Passport Offices is under formulation.

Assure Career Progression

1099. SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to implement the "Assure Career Progression Scheme" to augment the career prospects of Central Government Officers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) the recommendations of Fifth Central Pay Commission about Assured Career Progression Scheme for the Central Government employees are under consideration of the Government. However, the Government has already decided in principle to allow atleast two financial upgradations to Group-C and Group-D employees in a career. The modalities in this regard are being worked out.

*[Translation]***Regarding Atrocities on Indians**

1100. SHRI ADITYANATH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: