

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

(a) Yes, Sir. With research and development (R&D) work carried out over the years in the research reactors at Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Trombay, Thorium has been successfully converted into Uranium(233). The reprocessing of Uranium (233) from the irradiated Thorium rods also has been carried out both at the BARC and the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research(IGCAR), Kalpakkam. The R&D work of the Department of Atomic Energy in the field of nuclear power generation is oriented towards a long-term strategy involving three stages, namely, the current generation of pressurised heavy water reactors as the first stage, plutonium-fuelled fast breeder reactors as the second stage and reactors operating on the Uranium (233)- Thorium fuel cycle as the third stage.

(b) The advanced heavy water reactor, designed to produce most of its energy from Thorium, is under engineering development at present. It is too early to state the time by which the Thorium based nuclear power plants is likely to be put into operation.

[Translation]

Indian Missions Abroad

1198. DR. MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted any committee to evaluate the impact of the publicity being carried out by the Indian Missions abroad; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of Soyabean

1199. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of soyabean has declined this year;

(b) whether the Government propose to import soyabean in view of the demand and supply of soyabean; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) No, Sir. The production of Soyabean during 1997-98 has been estimated

to be 65.21 lakh tonnes whereas the production during 1996-97 was 52.02 lakh tonnes. This is all time highest production achieved in Soyabean.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Commerce have considered import of one million tonnes of Soyabean subject to fulfilling the quarantine norms against import of harmful pathogens. No imports have been allowed so far.

[English]

Promotion of Horticulture/Floriculture

1200. SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU:
SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA:
SHRI T. GOVINDAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the financial assistance has been provided by the Union Government to promote horticulture and floriculture in the States during the year 1997 till date;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any progress report regarding horticulture and floriculture development; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) to (c) The States have been provided assistance to promote horticulture and floriculture development to the tune of Rs.182.42 crores under various horticulture schemes of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation during the year 1997-98. A number of States have reported progress in respect of area expansion, supply of planting material, adoption of drip irrigation and training for increasing production and productivity. Based on available information, an additional area of 53,809 hectares has been covered under various horticulture crops during 1997-98.

Expenses in Embassies

1201. SHRI KAMAL NATH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred country-wise in the preceding year on Embassies, High Commissions and Consulates in various countries; and

(b) the total amount spent country-wise by these Embassies annually on entertainment and transportation for the last available financial year?

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

(a) The information in respect of total expenditure incurred by Missions/Posts abroad is given in the attached Statement.

(b) The practice followed by the Ministry has been to keep these figures for internal use only.

Statement

Expenditure incurred by the Indian Missions Abroad for the Financial Year 1997-98

Mission/Post	Total Expenditure (In Rupees)
1	2
Abidjan	16777962
Abu Dhabi	50689680
Accra	21076500
Adis Ababa	16722580
Algiers	20751319
Almaty	31554973
Amman	10119396
Ankara	32117331
Ashgabat	14584329
Athens	17108499
Baghdad	12694243
Bahrain	38471244
Bangkok	43703798
Beijing	82343174
Beirut	23700882
Belgrade	17317504
Berlin	26353611
Berne	4730525
Birmingham	33051951
Bishkek	26853628
Bogota	26109033
Bonn	121361396
Brasilia	33787388
Bratislava	21134997
Brunei	25642587
Brussels	59912811
Bucharest	16195243

1	2
Budapest	21346652
Buenos Aires	40096621
Cairo	42082029
Canberra	30856413
Cape Town	13990658
Caracass	21549481
Chicago	48689107
Chiangmai	5027863
Chittagong	9975614
Colombo	53569376
Copenhagen	26353751
Dakar	13121610
Damascus	25610459
Dar-Es-Salaam	27611727
Dhaka	58977689
Doha	33135031
Dubai	57722837
Dublin	20823630
Durban	32279377
Dushanbe	19002393
Frankfurt	26668326
Gabarone	20255262
Gaza	11206722
Geneva	98563779
Georgetown	16448080
Glasgow	22284455
Hague	41981647
Hamburg	4210365
Hanoi	37494584
Harare	17212272
Havana	20064682
Helsinki	17551897

1	2	1	2
Ho Chi Minh City	19537448	Mexico	20993279
Hong Kong	63817536	Milan	20214220
Houston	38616379	Minsk	16702810
Islamabad	78907590	Mombasa	5867585
Istanbul	18084313	Moscow	104205903
Jakarta	33867194	Muscat	35652097
Jeddah	131992630	Nairobi	26742122
Johannesburg	23992417	New York(CGI)	60699305
Kampala	20935676	New York(PMI)	119172510
Kandy	10472936	Nicosia	12736099
Karachi	139180	Odessa	5821236
Kathmandu	63022744	Oslo	26153393
Khartoum	100067459	Ottawa	38813255
Kiev	39730452	Ouagadougou	4986239
Kingston	14680173	Panama	25491153
Kobe	33009905	Paris	124464081
Kualalumpur	40857588	Phnom Penh	18285763
Kuwait	56202701	Phuntsholing	2682676
Lagos	18535187	Port Louis	32080793
Lima	15408163	Port Moresby	19613330
Lisbon	19408163	Port Said	3825821
London	264504126	Prague	41150995
Luanda	16352271	Pretoria	54196111
Lusaka	22740250	Pyongyang	10171958
Madagascar	15946470	Rabat	21651292
Madrid	33905926	Rajshahi	1170027
Mahe	13560208	Reunion Islands	10406560
Male	28322009	Riyadh	62305533
Malta	6997839	Rome	4855050
Manila	17473381	San Francisco	42077719
Maputo	14865961	San'aa	13771734
Medan	4551848	Santiago	19115816

1	2
Sao Paulo	28967461
Seoul	31374145
Shanghai	41407613
Shiraz	5235486
Singapore	54059315
Sofia	17218159
St. Petersburg	19125630
Stockholm	25936660
Surinam	14511205
Sydney	20929825
Tashkent	29851169
Tehran	41391178
Tel Aviv	57789853
Thimpu	28043536
Tokyo	107892374
Toronto	20380181
Trinidad	21845968
Tripoli	26661540
Tunis	8805070
Ulanbator	22380717
Vancouver	27202453
Vienna	51687784
Vientiane	11036812
Vladivostock	10498013
Warsaw	27715492
Washington	207188448
Wellington	22702884
Windhoek	18290578
Yangon	33746459
Zagreb	15658040
Zahidan	4507799
Zanzibar	5744680

Shrimp and Fish Culture

1202. SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some World Bank assisted shrimp and fish culture projects are being run in the country;

(b) if so, the name of the States where these projects are being run;

(c) the amount of World Bank assistance obtained for those projects so far;

(d) whether any of these projects is being run in Orissa; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) The World Bank assisted Shrimp and Fish Culture Project is being implemented in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(c) The total amount received as assistance from the World Bank for this Project upto July 1997 is Rs. 43.90 crores.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. In Orissa under the Shrimp component, a total area of 283 ha. is being developed at Jagatjore-Banapada in Kendrapra District. In addition, 79 reservoirs, covering 28364 ha. have been included for development under fish component, in a phased manner.

MPLADS

1203. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:
SHRI CHENGARA SURENDRAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the *Hindustan Times* New Delhi edition dated May 4, 1998 captioned "MPs Local Area Scheme, CAG flays Andhra Pradesh for loopholes in Plan"; and

(b) if so, the details and the steps being taken to see that the guidelines are not violated by the District Collectors in sanctioning the project and release of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) and (b) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has received the draft review report of CAG on MPLAD Scheme for the year ending 31.3.97 where in certain deviations from the guidelines have been brought out. They have instructed the Collectors to follow the guidelines scrupulously while sanctioning and implementing the works under MPLADS Scheme.

Milk Cattle/Cattle Feed

1204. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of milk cattle in the country state-wise;