

of Brazil was signed on 5 May, 1998. It provides for cooperation in biotechnology, epidemiology, sanitary surveillance, management of Public Health Systems, Traditional Medicine, Pharmacology and Pharmaceuticals, Infectious Diseases and Para-sitology, Maternal and Child Health care and family planning, Occupational health and Tropical Medicine, exchange of information and delegations, organising workshops, transfer of technology and publication of scientific and technological information.

23. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DIPLOMATIC ACADEMIES of the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil was signed on 5 May, 1998. The MOU provides for establishment of an active information exchange programme, exchange of students, professors, conference speakers, experts and research scholars, exchange of publications and information of common interest.

#### Peru

24. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the National Commission on Aerospace Research and Development of Peru (CONIDA) was signed on 30 April, 1998. It provides for study of cooperative programme, studies related to satellite communication, operations of satellite ground stations and satellite missions management, organising training facilities and programmes and exchange of technical and scientific personnel.

25. WORK PLAN between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the National Agricultural Research Institute of Peru for the period 1998-2002 was signed on 30 April, 1998. It provides for scientific and technical cooperation in the fields of agriculture, dairy, pest management programme, live-stock feeding system, training methodology, exchange of germ-plasm etc. A short-term and long-term programmes including deputation of team of experts, exchange of scientists, exchange of scientific equipment and information.

[Translation]

#### Production of Maize and Peas

5157. SHRI RAJO SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Bihar have sent any proposal for increasing the production of Maize and Peas in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) No, Sir. The Government of India has not received any such proposal from Government of Bihar for increasing the production of Maize and Peas.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

[English]

#### Cultural Troups

5158. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JADAVBHAI JAVIYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of cultural troupes are likely to be sent abroad during the calendar year 1998; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the countries where they are likely to be sent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1. Details of cultural troupes already sent from January to July, 1998 are attached in Statement-I

2. Details of cultural troupes proposed to be sent from August to December 1998 are attached in Statement-II

#### Statement-I

##### *Indian Council for Cultural Relations Outgoing Cultural Delegations Activities under plan of action For 1998-99 from January 98 to July 98*

S.No.	Country	Name of the Group	Period	Particulars of Visit
1	2	3	4	5
1.	France	16-Member Kutiatam Group of Keral Kala Mandalam, Kerala	10th Jan. to 10th Feb. 98	To give Performances
2.	Pakistan	Pt. Jasraj (Vocal)	23-26th Jan. 98	To give Performances at the High Commission of India's Republic Day Functions Etc.