

multigeneration trials and tests for mutagenicity, reproductive efficiency and other health parameters on irradiated and composite diets, has shown the biological safety of irradiated foods.

Special Central Assistance for Tribal Development

*443. SHRI SAMAR BRAHMA CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether release of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan areas as block grants envisages a precondition of specifying schemes for utilisation of such assistance;

(b) whether the audited statements of accounts of utilisation of grant have been received from all States during the last three years; and

(c) if not, what control is exercised by her Ministry to ensure compliance of their guidelines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI) : (a) to (c) The Special Central Assistance to the Tribal sub-plan States/Union Territories is given for taking up specific schemes of development in the tribal areas or for supplementing the requirement of funds for schemes for development in those areas financed from out of State Plan funds. These schemes are examined during the meetings with the State Governments/U.T administrations for approval of their Tribal sub-plan.

Statements of accounts of utilisation of special Central assistance have been received from all the T. S. P. States/Union Territories. However, audited figures of expenditure have so far not been furnished by any of the State Governments for the last three years.

State Governments have been asked to submit quarterly statements of expenditure and year-wise audited figures of utilisation of grants. The utilisation of grants

as per the guidelines is also reviewed during Tribal Sub-Plan discussions.

ICCR Library

*444. SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Library of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations was set up by its founder President the late Maulana Abul Kalam Azad; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to grant the status of National Library to the Library of the Council in the centenary year of the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) (a) No, Sir. The Indian Council for Cultural Relations was set-up in 1950 with the Council's Library as an integral part of it. About 6,000 books were gifted to the Library by the late Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

(b) At present there is no such proposal.

Complaints about denial of employment to tribals in Andhra Pradesh

*445 SHRI T. BALA GOUD : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether complaints have been made to the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of instances where tribals have been denied employment in West Godavari, Andhra Pradesh, because of police cases; and

(b) the steps being taken to send a team to West Godavari to sort out these complaints ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI) : (a) The office of the Commissioner for SC/ST