

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

**Import of Hybrid Seeds by National Seeds Corporation**

\*102. SHRI NITYANANDA MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national Seeds Corporation proposes to import hybrid seeds from foreign countries and later on develop these within the country with technology collaboration;

(b) if so, the different seeds that are proposed to be imported and the details of the foreign technology that will be used;

(c) whether these hybrid seeds cannot be developed with indigenous know-how; and

(d) how long such imports will continue and the effect it will have on productivity of land and also on agricultural investments?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) No such decision has been taken so far.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Hybrid seeds have been and are being developed with indigenous know-how as well.

(d) Does not arise.

**Literacy Under National Literacy Mission**

\*108. SHRIMATI PRABHAWATI GUPTA:  
SHRI SHANTILAL PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to find out the number of illiterate persons in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to accelerate the pace of progress of literacy under the National Literacy Mission?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b). The literacy data in the country is collected through the decennial census operations. A Statement showing the number of illiterate persons in each State/UT as per the 1981 census is given below.

(c) The National Literacy Mission (NLM) aims at imparting functional literacy to 80 million adult illiterates in 15-35 age-group-30 million by 1990 and an additional 50 million by 1995. The strategies that are being adopted for implementation of this Mission and the steps taken so far include the following:-

(i) The entire programme of Adult Education has been reviewed and geared to generate and sustain motivation at all levels, especially of learners.

(ii) A National Campaign for mass mobilisation of NLM was launched by the Prime Minister on 5.5.88 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

(iii) Under the mass programme of functional literacy educational institutions, teachers, students, youth, military and para-military personnel, ex-servicemen, housewives, employers, trade unions, railways and prison management staff are being involved on a voluntary basis to take up literacy work.