

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.

- (iv) The central scheme of grant-in-aid for Voluntary Agencies has been revised, considerably simplified and liberalised. During the year 1988-89 a sum of Rs. 6.60 crores have been sanctioned to voluntary agencies for undertaking various literacy projects. Approval has been accorded to approximately 500 voluntary agencies for taking up programmes under NLM.
- (v) In order that the neo-literates do not relapse into illiteracy a new scheme of Jana Shikshan Nilayams have been formulated and 10,065 JSNs have been sanctioned to various States/UTs. They are in the process of being set up.
- (vi) 40 districts have been identified for application of techno-pedagogic inputs to improve the quality of the literacy programmes. A number of collaborating agencies have been identified and they are working on designing a number of techno-pedagogic inputs such as solar power packs, improved black boards, roller boards, slates, dustless chalk and electronic gadgets, etc.
- (vii) The National Literacy Mission Authority has been constituted. State Governments have been requested to set up State Literacy Mission Authorities. States have also been requested to appoint State and District Mission Leaders.
- (viii) To provide necessary resource support, State Resource Centres have been strengthened and District Resource Units are being set up.
- (ix) According to the information furnished by the State Governments and various implementing agencies 2,64,375 Adult Education Centres were running on 30th September, 1988 with an enrollment of 79.26 lakh persons.

STATEMENT

Literacy under National Literacy Mission

Sl. No.	India States/UTs	No. of Illiterates		
		Persons	Males	Females
1	2	3	4	5

STATES:

1. Andhra Pradesh	37,514,855	16,466,545	21,048,310
2. Bihar	51,593,730	22,239,088	29,354,642
3. Gujarat	19,189,955	7,997,371	11,192,584
4. Haryana	8,252,720	3,579,280	4,673,440
5. Himachal Pradesh	2,462,531	1,015,650	1,446,881

1	2	3	4	5
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	4,390,613	2,016,091	2,374,522
7.	Karnataka	22,852,997	9,686,351	13,166,646
8.	Kerala	7,528,948	3,099,675	4,429,273
9.	Madhya Pradesh	37,634,276	16,269,003	21,365,273
10.	Maharashtra	33,163,365	13,358,623	19,804,742
11.	Manipur	833,335	336,775	496,560
12.	Meghalaya	880,628	424,686	455,942
13.	Nagaland	445,052	207,715	237,337
14.	Orissa	17,343,066	7,041,143	10,301,923
15.	Punjab	9,928,566	4,722,332	5,206,234
16.	Rajasthan	25,907,745	11,372,998	14,534,747
17.	Sikkim	208,647	96,661	111,986
18.	Tamil Nadu	25,770,418	10,220,293	15,550,125
19.	Tripura	1,188,259	509,445	678,814
20.	Uttar Pradesh	80,756,753	36,020,825	44,735,928
21.	West Bengal	32,236,494	14,087,856	18,148,638
UNION TERRITORIES:				
1.	A & N Islands	91,420	44,278	47,142
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	500,506	241,111	259,395
3.	Chandigarh	159,030	79,148	79,882
4.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	76,021	33,443	42,578
5.	Delhi	2,392,080	1,087,198	1,304,882
6.	Goa, Daman & Diu	470,978	188,719	282,259
7.	Lakshadweep	18,084	7,084	11,000
8.	Mizoram	198,072	91,427	106,648

1	2	3	4	5
9.	Pondicherry	266,856	104,041	162,815
	INDIA*	424,256,000	182,644,855	241,611,145

* Excludes the population of Assam where the Census could not be held owing to disturbed conditions prevailing there at that time.

[*Translation*]

Shortage of Staff in Delhi Schools

*109. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD:
SHRI KAMLA PRASAD
SINGH:

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

(a) whether a number of Government schools in Delhi are suffering from shortage of teaching and other staff; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to ensure provision of adequate teaching and other staff in these schools keeping in view appropriate ratio between teacher and students?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b). Delhi Administration has informed that out of the sanctioned strength of 28126 teaching posts in Governments Schools 2050 are vacant and out of 6234 ministerial posts, 417 are at present vacant. Out of these, 1135 teaching posts are vacant due to court cases. for filling up the vacancies which are not sub-judice, the Delhi Administration has initiated action for recruitment.

[*English*]

Stockpiling of Imported Coaking Coal at Visakhapatnam Port

*110. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA

MURTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to make available the General-cum-bulk cargo berth of Visakhapatnam Port Trust at the outer Harbour and East Yard for stockpiling the annual import of coaking coal for the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(b) whether these facilities include both open and closed storage, and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for preventing pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c). No final decision on the exclusive use of the General Cargo Berth for handling cooking coal or the nature of facilities and the pollution control measure 8 has been taken.

Pension to Persons Below Poverty Line

*111. SHRI ANADI CHARANDAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give pension to the landless labourers, small and marginal farmers, village artisans, construction workers and other poor who are living below poverty line in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal, age of eligibility for men and women, amount of pension etc. and the time by which the proposal will be implemented?