

<i>Name of the deceased worker</i>	<i>Name of Successor</i>	<i>(In Rupees)</i>
1. Shri Jidhan Raut	Smt. Mani Bai (Widow)	59,868.00
2. Shri Hori Lal	Smt. Geeta Bai (Widow)	69,008.00

The following amounts due under the Contributory provident Fund Scheme, Gratuity, SAIL's Employees Welfare Association and Life Cover Scheme have been paid :

<i>Name of deceased worker</i>	<i>Name of Successor</i>	<i>(In Rupees)</i>
1. Shri Jidhan Raut	Smt. Mani Bai (Widow)	59,722.00
2. Shri Hori Lal	Smt. Geeta Bai (Widow)	54,952.00

Both the widows have been provided employment by the plant management with effect from April 14, 1986.

SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : Sir due to lack of safety measures accidents in factories and plants in the form of explosion or any other form have become a regular feature causing loss of valuable life and property. Further every time an inquiry committee is formed it takes many months and in most of the cases the culprits are never punished which leads to more accidents. So I would like to know from the Hon. Minister when will the report of the inquiry committee come and why two inquiry committees were set up? What was the cause of the accident? Was it due to lack of safety measures or due to human error?

SHRI K. C. PANT : Sir, two inquiry committees were formed because it was felt that a high-powered inquiry committee should go into these problems. There is a high-powered Safety Department also and because of the reasons which my friend has mentioned a special Safety Officer was being appointed to look into these and other aspects of safety in steel plants.

SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH : What was the date of the accident? When was the inquiry committee formed and when do we expect the report of the inquiry committee and also why there is delay?

SHRI K. C. PANT : There is no question of delay. The accident took place in the beginning of April. This is the beginning of May. So there is no delay. When we receive the inquiry committee report we will act on it.

SHRI N. TOMBI SINGH : May I know from the Hon. Minister the amount that has been paid to the victims of the similar accidents over the last five years?

SHRI K. C. PANT : I do not have the figures for the last five years. So far as this accident is concerned the figures are given in the written statement.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Provision of drinking water in hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh

*909. **SHRI GANGA RAM :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any concrete effort to provide at least one source of safe drinking water to all the problem villages in hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the total number of problem villages in the hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh where safe drinking water sources have been provided so far and the number of villages which still remain uncovered; and

(c) the time by which they will be provided at least one source of safe drinking water?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b). As per

information received from the State Government 7758 problem villages out of 11642 problem villages in the hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh have been provided with safe drinking water facilities so far and 3884 problem villages still remain to be covered.

(c) During the Seventh Plan, the aim would be to provide adequate drinking water to the entire rural population including hilly areas.

Export of fish and prawns

*917. SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantum of fish exported from the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether prawns available on the West Coast of the country have a great demand in foreign countries; and

(c) if so, the countries to which prawns are exported from India ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) As per information received from the Marine Products Exports Development Authority, Ministry of Commerce, the total quantum of fish exported from the country is as follows :

Year	Quantity (in tonnes)	Value (Rs. in crores)
1982-83	12,847	18.87
1983-84	22,573	29.10
1984-85	9,091	14.40

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Prawns are exported to 20 countries and the most important among those are Japan, USA, UK, France, Belgium and Australia.

Development of drought resistant varieties of rice

*918. SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any drought resistant varieties of rice have been developed by the Agricultural Research Centres in the country;

(b) if so, the names of varieties so released and whether they are long or short term varieties; and

(c) the per hectare yield of these varieties ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a), (b) and (c). Yes, Sir. A number of drought resistant varieties of rice have been developed under the aegis of various programmes of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Information on 25 popular varieties released for drought prone rainfed uplands in various States and their duration (number of days to mature) is as under :

State	Varieties	Duration (Days)
1	2	3
Kerala	Suvarnamodan	100
Bihar	Kanchan	100
	Prahlad	115
	Narasingh	115