

UGC/CSIR for junior research fellowship and lecturership in science subjects;

(b) the break-up of candidates by Universities;

(c) the number of successful candidates with their break-up by universities;

(d) whether the UGC has taken notice of the uneven performance of various universities; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to upgrade the standard of science education in the low performing universities

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Committees on Youth Programmes and Sports

4707. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up National/State level committees on youth programmes and sports; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) and (b). The Government has constituted a Committee for National Youth

Programmes. The nominations of members of this Committee are under finalisation. On the sports side regional advisory committees have been constituted by Sports Authority of India to aid and advise on implementation of their schemes and programmes.

[Translation]

Women Everest Team

4708. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first-ever Indo-Nepal Women Everest Team recently left for expedition to Everest; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to introduce National Adventure Awards to encourage women climbers in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is considering the introduction of National Adventure Awards but a decision in this regard is yet to be taken.

[English]

Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme

4709. SHRI. SOBHANADREESWARA : -O VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cash crops which are

included in the Comprehensive crop insurance Scheme; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to include those cash crops which are not covered under the new pilot scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b). The crops presently covered under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) are wheat, paddy millets, oilseeds and pulses. However, in the proposed Pilot Crop Insurance Scheme (PCIS) it is proposed to include all crops provided the required number of crop cutting experiments can be conducted any yield data are available.

Base Godowns in West Bengal

4710. SHRI AJAY MUKHOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India is maintaining the base godowns in West Bengal and stocks are being delivered from those godowns;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Food Corporation of India is maintaining 38 base depots in West Bengal and stocks are being delivered to the State Government from those depots.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Sleeper Factory in Sitholi (Gwalior)

4711. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the profit earned by sleeper factory at Sitholi (Gwalior);

(b) whether full capacity of this factory is being utilised;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to utilise the full capacity of this factory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) There is no sleeper factory at Sitholi (Gwalior).

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Travel Facilities to Gallantry Award Winners

4712. MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide free rail travel facilities to the personnel of Gallantry Award winners of the Armed Forces; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (A) NO, SIR.

(b) Does not arise.