

(c) Material storage and distribution.

(d) Studio with auxiliary accommodation.

(iv) Faculty guest house for atleast 20 persons.

(v) Quarters for essential staff.

(vi) Computer system, including site preparation, and equipment for studio, as recommended by the Indira Gandhi National Open University.

(vii) Books and Journals.

(viii) Infrastructure facilities for study Centres established or maintained by the Open University.

(b) The Distance Education Council—an apex body for Open and Distance Education System in the Country—has recently established a Quality Assurance Panel for the purpose.

(c) to (e), The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

New Railway Line between Mysore Cannanore

302. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made for laying of a new railway line between Mysore-Cannanore; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Seeds Act

303. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have circulated the proposed seed Act details to elicit public opinion and for consideration of State Governments as well as farmers organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response from the State Governments as well as that of farmers organisations and experts in this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c), At present, there is no proposal to amend the Seeds Act, 1966. Some suggestions have been received from State Governments and Seed Growers' Merchants Association regarding review of penal provisions, modification in notification and certification system, and representation of Seed Industry on various Committees.

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Central Consumer Protection Council

304. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND