

(e) the average market price of jute in comparison to the support price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Under Special Jute Development Programme, concerted efforts are being made to augment raw jute production inter-alia by distributing certified seed through State Seeds Corporation and other State seed agencies.

(c) State-wise final estimates of raw jute production for the year 1994-95 have not been released so far. However, according to the present indications, the total production of raw jute is likely to be 85 lakh bales during the current year against the demand of 88 lakh bales.

(d) Government of India announced minimum support price for TD-5 grade jute at Rs. 470 per qtl. for the year 1994-95.

(e) The average market price of jute is prevailing higher than the minimum support price.

[Translation]

#### Gopal Yojana

2022. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the States in which Gopal Yojana is being implemented for the integrated development and breeding of livestock;

(b) the works undertaken under the mentioned scheme, State-wise; and

(c) the number of persons trained for implementation of above scheme, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (c) Information has been called for from the State Governments and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

[English]

#### Fire in Indrayani Express

2023. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indrayani Express on Pune-Bombay route running without any driver caught fire on December 1, 1994;

(b) the details of loss of life and railway property suffered on this account;

(c) whether any inquiry was held into the causes of the incident;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. On 1.12.94, while 1022 Up Indrayani Express was on run between Pune and Bombay VT, its loco developed a fire at Thakurwadi station. The fire became uncontrollable. As the driver got down to call for assistance, the train rolled down for 13 kms. On its

crewless run, one second class coach caught fire affecting two coaches partially on its either end.

(b) There was no loss of life or injuries to the passengers. The Railways have suffered a loss of approximately Rs. 46 lakhs.

(c) to (e) Commissioner of Railway Safety, Central Circle has commenced his inquiry into the accident. Appropriate action will be taken on receipt of the report.

#### Allocation for Vocational Courses

2024. SHRIMATI SURYA KANTA PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted to Maharashtra for its Colleges and Universities for starting vocational courses;

(b) the amount actually released so far; and

(c) the time by which the balance amount is likely to be released?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) According to the information furnished by UGC, an amount of Rs. 306.00 lakhs has been allocated to Maharashtra for introducing 54 vocational courses in one University and 23 Colleges w.e.f. 1994-95.

(b) and (c) 50% of the above amount has been sanctioned for payment during the current financial year (1994-95) and the balance amount will be released after receipt of the statement of expenditure incurred on starting the vocational courses by the concerned Institutions.

[Translation]

#### Rail Coach Factory in U.P.

2025. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to set up a Rail Coach Factory in Mirzapur and Gorakhpur districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The existing coach building capacity in the country is considered adequate to meet the requirements of the Railways.