

(b) Does not arise

Increase in Research Fellowship

208. SHRIKODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to increase the amount of research fellowship for those qualifying the National Eligibility Test;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any demands regarding increase in fellowship from research scholars of various universities; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Diversification of Crops

209. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:
PROF. RAM KAPSE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to undertake programmes for diversification of crops;

(b) if so, the area-wise and the crop-wise details thereof; and

(c) the funds earmarked therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c). Government of India do not have any specific scheme for diversification of crops. However, under the aegis of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, varietal improvement programmes are in progress for developing improved varieties for diversified cropping system in different regions and crop growing situations. Cultivators also diversify from non-remunerative crops to remunerative crops according to market prices.

Funds for Libraries in Medical Colleges

210. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission propose to assist the Medical Colleges by sanctioning a part of the funds specifically for libraries located in the Medical Colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c). Medical education does not fall within the purview of UGC and as such the Commission does not provide any financial assistance to any of the medical colleges in the country except where they are in the form of Departments/Faculty of a University. According to the information furnished by the UGC, the Commission has approved the following grants to the medical colleges in Delhi University, Aligarh Muslim University

and Banaras Hindu University for purchase of books and Journals during the Eighth plan:

	(Rs.in Lakhs)
1. University College of Medical Sciences, Delhi University	50.00
2. J.N.Medical College, AMU.	41.50
3. UGC Hospital, BHU.	6.00

[*Translation*]

Soil Erosion

211. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHAUHAN: will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether fertile land in catchment areas of Narmada river in Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat is getting eroded;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check such erosion;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide alternate land to those farmers whose land has been eroded;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Soil & Water Conservation programme to check soil erosion in the Narmada Valley is being undertaken through

Centrally Sponsored and State Sector Programmes.

(c) to (e). Land being a State subject, its allotment etc. falls in the purview of the State Government which would decide such matters as per their existing Policy.

[*English*]

Losses Suffered by National Dairy Development Board

213. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB); has suffered huge losses in its market intervention operation (MIO);

(b) if so, the estimated loss incurred during the past two years and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have ordered an investigation into the losses incurred by the NDDB;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) whether there is any proposal to revamp the NDDB; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, sir.