

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government have requested the Union Government to revise the Sampat Committee Incentives Scheme; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Union Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The incentive scheme is under review by an Inter Ministerial Group set-up by the Government for this purpose.

Sub-Contracting of Fabrication Work of Platforms by Mazagon Dock Limited

4031. SHRI Y. S. MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a contract was awarded to Mazagon Dock Limited by Oil and Natural Gas Commission for the fabrication work of platforms;

(b) whether Mazagon Dock Limited subcontracted a substantial part of the fabrication work to SELCO Shipyard Private Limited, Singapore, which has since gone into liquidation;

(c) if so, whether delivery of eleven platforms schedule in 1983 and 1984 has not yet been completed; and

(d) the reasons therefor and measures taken or proposed to be taken to avoid recurrence of such delays in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sub-contracting is an essential part of any industrial activity resorted to only where considered necessary and cost-effective and in respect of items for which

the equipment and services in requisite quality are not available within the country. M/s Mazagon Dock Ltd. placed an order on M/s SELCO, sub-contracting the fabrication work of 6 helidecks of 550 MT only as against the total fabrication work of 11 platforms of approximate weight of 30,000 MT to be delivered during the working season 1983-84 and 1984-85. At the time of placement of order, M/s SELCO was a member of a big industrial group, viz. PAN ELECTRIC CO. Subsequently, M/s SELCO went into liquidation by end 1985. M/s Mazagon Dock Limited cancelled the orders on SELCO in early 1986 after encashing the bank guarantee.

(c) and (d). Out of 11 platforms scheduled for delivery during working season 1983-84 and 1984-85 7 platforms have already been delivered. Although delivery of the remaining platforms have slipped to some extent, the delays are, however, not attributable to the late completion of helidecks ordered on M/s SELCO. All possible efforts are made in consultation with the concerned agencies to ensure that cost and time overruns are avoided or reduced.

Lack of Financial Support from Developed Countries

4032. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have voiced their concern over the lack of financial support from developed countries to many specialising agencies dealing with Science and Technology which had seriously hampered their work;

(b) if so, whether Government have sought substantial financial contributions for this purpose from developed countries; and

(c) if so, the details regarding India's efforts in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS,

OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). The contributions to be made by the developed countries were *not* for individual countries, but for the United Nations Fund for Science and Technology. India had expressed its concern, as a member of the developing countries, who are all concerned about the lack of financial commitment from the developed countries towards the proposed UN Financing System for Science and Technology.

[*Translation*]

Setting up a Sugar Mill in Muzaffarnagar

4033. SHRI AKHTAR HASAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether sugarcane is produced in abundance in Muzaffarnagar, District of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the existing sugar mills are not able to utilise entire quantity of sugarcane as a result of which it goes waste;

(c) if so, whether Government would consider the question of setting up a sugar mill in Muzaffarnagar;

(d) if so, by what time; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are 5 sugar mills existing in Muzaffarnagar District of Uttar Pradesh, having a daily installed cane crushing capacity of 10865 tonnes. Taking a normal season duration of 150 days and the daily cane crushing capacity of 10865 tonnes, the total quantity of cane required

to be crushed per annum by these mills works out to 16.3 lakh tonnes. Against this, these factories have crushed only 13.83 and 12.54 lakh tonnes of cane during 1984-85 and 1985-86 seasons, respectively. Therefore, there is no wastage of sugarcane because of its non-utilisation by the sugar factories.

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

(e) The question of setting up another sugar mill in District Muzaffarnagar shall arise only after the existing sugar mills get adequate supply of sugarcane for a normal season duration.

[*English*]

Force on Minorities to Learn Assamese

4034. KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government are aware that the minorities in Assam are being forced to learn the Assamese Language,

(b) whether the Government consider that this step is in consonance with the spirit of the Assam accord; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Union Government thereon and the steps proposed to be taken, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) According to the information available with this Ministry, the Secondary Education Board, Assam issued a circular on 28th February 1986 making study of Assamese language compulsory as third language at the secondary stage of Education in all non-Assamese medium schools in the State.

(b) This issue has not been a part of the Assam Accord as such.

(c) The matter has been taken up with the State Government who have stated that in view of the protests from Cachar District and Barak Valley and areas