

(c) and (d). In Shakarpur, no suitable site for construction of a bulk milk vending booth could be located. However, a site at Tikona Park in Laxmi Nagar has been identified and Municipal Corporation of Delhi has been moved for allotment for the site to the Mother Dairy.

Food Provided in Navodaya Vidyalaya, Canacona, Goa

2797. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students of the Navodaya Vidyalaya at Canacona, Goa are not provided fish in their daily food despite the fact that fish is one of the main items in Goan food;

(b) if not, the details or the type of food provided to the students; and

(c) the instruction issued, and date thereof with respect to the food to be provided to the students in Navodaya Schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c). The detailed reports about the food being provided in various Navodaya Vidyalayas, including Navodaya Vidyalaya, Canacona, Goa are not being obtained by the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti from the Vidyalayas. However, the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti have issued general instructions/guidelines, vide their letter dated 14th September, 1987 regarding the arrangements to be made for running the Hostel Mess in Navodaya Vidyalayas. The daily menu suggested is as under:

Breakfast: Egg, bread and butter, milk or tea/Potato Paranthas and tea/Bread Pakoras and tea/Purree, Potatoes and tea/any other local suitable item.

Lunch: Bread, Rice, Dal, Vegetable and Curd.

Mid-day: Seasonal Fruit.

Evening Tea: Tea and Snacks.

Dinner: Bread, Rice, Dal, Vegetable Salad or Pappad.

Night: Milk - 250 gms.

(Non-Vegetarian food may also be served on suitable occasions as decided by the Mess Sub-Committee. If Curd is not served, it must be compensated by any other suitable item).

Studies in Spoken Languages and Dialects by Central Institute of Indian Languages

2798. DR. B. L. SHAILESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Institute of Indian Languages conducted some studies in spoken languages and dialects which still have not acquired the status of written languages; and

(b) if so, the scripts of dialects developed by the above Institute so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, uses modified script of the state language or Devanagri for unwritten languages.

Collaboration Between USAID and NBGR

2799. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has agreed to provide 13 million US Dollars to the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBGR).

(b) if so, the details of the projects; and

(c) the details of the institutions and bodies to be engaged for the research work, with the names of the places where research is likely to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major components of the projects are building up infrastructure for plant quarantine, documentation and conservation; field and laboratory equipments and training/visits of scientists to Genetic Resources Centres in USA to generate more capabilities.

(c) The research work will be undertaken at the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi and its Regional Stations situated in different agro-climatic zones, namely, Shimla, Jodhpur, Akola, Trichur, Shillong, Bhowali, Hyderabad. Research support will also be provided through this Project to build up facilities in other ICAR Institutes namely, Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla, Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Trivandrum, Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore; Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasargod; Indian Horticultural Research Institute, Bangalore; National Research Centre for Spices, Calicut; Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi; Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur; Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack; and All India Crops Coordinated Programmes, namely, Minor Millet, UAS, Bangalore; Rapeseed and Mustard, HAU, Hissar and Directorate of Pulses, Kanpur.

Central Assistance to Orissa on Natural Calamities

2800. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to frequent occurrence of natural calamities in the State of Orissa the rural economy of the State has received a great set back;

(b) whether the Government of Orissa has requested Union Government to release adequate funds; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The State Government of Orissa have reported that a population of 19.23 lakhs and an area of 1.65 lakhs hectares in 1351 villages of 7 districts of the State have been affected by the floods during the south-west monsoon 1988.

(b) and (c). No memorandum seeking Central assistance for flood relief has been received so far from the State Government of Orissa.

Construction of Road/Bridge in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh

2801. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position/progress regarding the clearance and construction of link roads between Kiratpur Railway Station and Kiratpur bus stand (District Ropar, Punjab), bridge over Beas river at Sri Hargobindpur and bridges over drains/rivulets along the road between Hoshiarpur (Punjab) and Una (Himachal Pradesh);

(b) when the construction work of these projects is likely to be started; and

(c) when these projects are likely to be completed alongwith estimated expenditure in each case initially and on completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c). The State Government have reported that the work of Link Road between Kiratpur Railway Station and Kiratpur Bus stand already exists and repairs of the same were completed in May, 1988. There is no proposal to construct bridges