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WORKSHOPS ON DNA/FINGERPRINTS TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to conduct workshops on DNA and fingerprints technology for the benefit of police, judicial officers and forensic scientists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to include DNA and fingerprint technology in the syllabus of National as well as State Police training academies & institutions ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

- (a) : Yes Sir, the Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD), Hyderabad and the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Kolkata, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, conduct workshops, lectures and demonstrations on DNA fingerprinting technology and DNA awareness programmes for high level police officers, judicial officers and forensic scientists.
- (b) : The CDFD, Hyderabad has already conducted two two-day workshops in collaboration with National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science (NICFS), New Delhi in June, 2002 and July, 2002 at Chennai and Bangalore, respectively. The CFSL, Kolkata would organise awareness programmes on advances in forensic science for IPS officers during September 20, 2003 & January 17, 2004 and for judiciary officers during October 18, 2003 & February 14, 2004. In addition, this laboratory would organize fourteen intensive awareness programmes in police HQs. of North-east States of India at Itanagar, Kohima, Gangtok, Aizawl, Shillong, Imphal and Port Blair between September and November, 2003. The laboratory is also imparting training on DNA fingerprinting technology under the forensic awareness programmes being arranged by DGP, West Bengal for the crime-investigating officers of the State.
- (c) : The syllabus for basic training of Constable/SI/Dy.SP is formulated by the State Governments. However, the BPR&D has been preparing a model syllabus and circulating to different States for adoption. The last such syllabus was circulated in the year 2002. The fingerprint technology is adequately covered in the syllabi and awareness about DNA technology is given during training session on 'Preservation on bloodstain, tissue, bones, saliva, etc. from the scene of crime'. These are highly specialised jobs and are to be done in the advanced laboratories at selected locations. The fingerprint technology on the other hand is quite old and practiced by the Police Officers.