

(c) whether any agreement has been signed during his visit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Finance Minister of Nepal, Dr. Devendra Raj Pandey, visited New Delhi in end April/early May, 1990 to attend the last annual session of the Asian Development Bank. He also brought with him a letter from Shri K.P. Bhattarai, Prime Minister of Nepal, to PM. He called on PM on May 1, 1990 and handed over the letter.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras

10270. SHRI SAMARENDRA KUNDU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent so far on Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Baliapal in Orissa;

(b) the progress made in the construction work of Krishi Vigyan Kendra and when it is likely to be completed;

(c) whether there is any proposal to develop it into a mini Agricultural University; and

(d) if so when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Sir, Rs. 46.03 lakhs have been released so far for the Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Baliapal.

(b) The main building, two classrooms/ laboratories, a farmers hostel and Poultry

Demonstration Unit have been already constructed.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Use of Fertilizers

10271. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to educate farmers on the use of fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State owned fertilizer corporations have been directed to identify districts in some States to educate farmers;

(d) if so, the names of the State where steps have been taken in this regard;

(e) whether any such districts have been identified in Orissa; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Demonstrations, field days, fairs, exhibitions and training programmes are organised to educate the farmers and to promote fertilizer use.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Information is given in the attached Statement-I.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Information is given in the attached Statement-II