

essay competitions and distribute prizes out of this fund;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether any essay competition has ever been held and prizes distributed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Rs. 4,38,224.26

(b) and (c). Under the conditions laid down for the establishment of Maulana Azad Memorial Fund, it was stated that an Essay Competition should be organised and prizes distributed. The matter was placed before the Government of India for approval. Based on suggestions received from the Government in 1988 and with the approval of the Governing Body of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, the code of Procedure for the Essay Competition was finalised.

(d) and (e). The first Maulana Azad Essay Competition was held by the ICCR in 1989 while the names of prize winners for the competition have also been declared, a suitable occasion for the prize distribution ceremony is to be decided upon. The second Maulana Azad Essay Competition is scheduled to be held this year.

Countries Visited by P.M.

10296. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the countries visited by the Prime Minister since his assuming office;

(b) the countries proposed to be visited during the coming quarter;

(c) whether any of his scheduled visit to Pakistan or to any other Asian country had been cancelled; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Namibia

(b) Malaysia

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

New Fertilizer Factory in Udaipur, Rajasthan

10297. SHRI GULAB CHAND KATARIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a new fertilizer factory in Udaipur, Rajasthan;

(b) the annual production of the existing factories at present;

(c) whether Rajasthan is self-sufficient in the production of fertilizers, if not, the details of future plans in the this regard; and

(d) whether the raw material required for the manufacture of fertilizers is available in Rajasthan itself?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal, with the Government at present, to set up a new fertilizer factory in Udaipur, Rajasthan.

(b) The production from the fertilizer plants during the last three years (year-wise) in Rajasthan is given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the plants in Rajasthan	Nutrients	Installed capacity	Production (000 MT)		
				1987-88	88-89	89-90
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Shriram Fertilizers and Chemicals, Kota	Nitrogen	152.0	114.1	114.1	164.8
2.	Hindustan Copper Limited, Khetri	P 205	30.0	9.0	12.0	12.9
3.	Hindustan Zinc, Udaipur	P 205	11.5	0.9	Nil	Nil
4.	Bharat Chemicals and Fertilizers, Alwar	P 205	10.6	6.0	7.3	11.3
5.	Udaipur Phosphates, Udaipur	P 205	10.6	11.0	11.0	11.9
6.	Phosphate India, Udaipur	P 205	7.0	9.5	4.2	Nil
7.	Liberty Pesticides and Fertilizers, Udaipur	P 205	6.4	4.1	3.5	0.3
8.	Madhuvan Chemicals and Fertilizers, Udaipur	P 205	6.4	2.4	1.8	0.8

Sl. No.	Name of the plants in Rajasthan	Nutrients	Installed capacity	Production (000 MT)		
				1987-88	88-89	89-90
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9.	Shurvi Colour Chemicals Private Limited, Udaipur	P 205	1.2	—	0.4	0.2

(c) Rajasthan is not fully self-sufficient at present in the production of fertilizers and marginal quantities are made available from the neighbouring states imports. However with the completion of the gas based unit of Chambal Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd. at Gadepan, the state's entire requirements of fertilizers will be fully met, in so far as nitrogenous fertilizers is concerned.

(d) Some raw materials like rock phosphate and Gypsum are available in Rajasthan which can be used in the manufacture of Single Super Phosphate fertilizers and Ammonium Sulphate.

World Bank Assistance for Udaipur-Chittorgarh Road

10298. SHRI GULAB CHAND KATARIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of financial assistance, World Bank has decided to provide for the construction of road between Udaipur and Chittorgarh in Rajasthan;

(b) the amount released therefor so far; and

(c) the names of places from where the said road will pass and the target of completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRIISHNAN): (a) to (c). Improvement of Udaipur—Dabok-Chittorgarh road (113 kms) has been taken up under World Bank Assistance in the State Sector at an estimated cost of Rs. 17.68 crores For civil works, 60% of the cost of reimbursable by the World Bank as loan assistance. Further action to execute the work vests with the state PWD. However, the actual execution is yet to start. The work is targeted to be completed by October, 1992.

[English]

Agricultural Farms

10299. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have any proposal to improve the working of various agricultural farms which re incurring losses; and

(b) 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) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation takes necessary measures for improving the functioning of Agricultural Farms under its control. In order to develop these farms on modern and scientific lines, necessary financial support, and assistance is being given by the Government of India. The details are given in the attached statement.

STATEMENT

1. Augmentation of irrigation facilities and use of improved methods on irrigation such as drip and sprinkler irrigation particularly in case of plantation crops.
2. Changes in the cropping pattern and introduction of more remunerative crops, particularly where irrigation facilities are in-adequate.
3. Introduction extension of plantation crops where irrigation resources are inadequate.
4. Undertaking of Land Development to improve the irrigation efficiency