

and exploitation of their yield potential in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) *Sir, only one huskless variety, Karan-16 has been released by the Central Varietal Release Committee. No hulled variety has been released from the Karnal Centre. There is practically no demand for its seed in India.*

(b) *Does not arise.*

(c) and (d) *Seed of improved strains are exchanged/supplied on request. During 1989 seeds of two huskless barley varieties were supplied for research purposes to Australia, Afganistan, Bangladesh, Canada, Nepal and Turkey.*

(e) *An All India Coordination Research Project on Barley has been set up with its headquarters at Karnal. The project encourages research on all aspects of huskless as well as hulled Barley.*

Applications from Kerala for Registration Under Foreign (Contribution) Regulation Act

8134 SHRIG M BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) the number of applications received from Kerala during the last three years for registration under Foreign (Contribution) Regulation Act, 1976

(b) the number of applications out of them which have been accepted,

(c) the number of applications refused or summarily rejected or placed under prior permission category and the general reasons therefor, and

(d) the number of applications which are pending disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) *504 applications were received during the last three years i.e. 1987, 1988 and 1989.*

(b) *412 applications were accepted.*

(c) *75 applications were rejected, requiring them to seek prior permission.*

(d) *17 applications are pending disposal.*

Visas to Egyptian 'Qaris'

8135 SHRIG M BANATWALLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that either visas are not issued or restrictions are imposed for Egyptian 'Qaris' to visit India,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(c) the number of such visas refused during the last three years and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) *No, Sir.*

(b) and (c) *Do not arise.*

Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges in Kerala

8136 SHRIS. KRISHNA KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any specific plan for the modernisation of telephone exchanges