

Inquiry into H.D.W. Submarine Deal

1087. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA:
 PROF. YADUNATH PANDEY:
 SHRI KALP NATH RAI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position of investigations into H.D.W. Submarine deal;

(b) the reasons for the delay in this regard; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed and the difficulties being faced by Government in this regard?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c). The investigations by the CBI are in progress. They have already examined several of the accused/witnesses in the case and are also examining a large number of documents/files of the Ministry of Defence/Naval Hqrs/Ministry of Finance etc. The CBI have also sought the assistance/cooperation of some foreign countries/foreign courts in the matter. They have reported that in view of the large number of accused persons and witnesses residing at different places who need to be examined and the numerous/voluminous documents which need to be scrutinised, the investigations will take time. The progress of the investigations is also dependent to a large extent on the assistance/cooperation of foreign countries/Courts. As such it will not be possible to indicate the time frame within which the investigations are likely to be completed.

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Growing of Vegetables in Antarctica

1088. SHRI C.P. MUDAIAGIRI-YAPPA:

SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian scientists in Antarctica have succeeded in growing green vegetables like cauliflower, chilli, tomato, cucumber etc. under controlled temperature and conditions at their research station, Maitri;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far these experiments would help the farmers of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (c). Indian scientists have constructed a green house for providing a controlled environment at the Indian Station Maitri in Antarctica. A programme for studying the growth behaviour of certain vegetables and flowering plants that are likely to survive in Antarctica has been initiated. In the first experiment, cucumber and coriander have been grown in this green house. This experiment is a preliminary scientific study. It is too early to indicate how results may be of help to farmers of the country.

Admission In Delhi University Colleges

1089. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRI-YAPPA:
 SHRIPHOOLCHAND VERMA:
 SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
 SHRI HET RAM:
 SHRI NATHU SINGH:
 SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA:
 NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR:
 SHRI GANGA CHARAN LODHI:
 SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
 SHRI M.V. CHANDRA SHEKARA MURTHY:

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR
MALHOTRA:
SHRI NANDLAL MEENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students who applied for admission in Delhi University colleges in the current academic session for various courses;

(b) the number of students who got admission and the number out of them belonging to SC/ST categories;

(c) the number of students who have been denied admission;

(d) whether Government propose to increase the number of seats in the Delhi University colleges to accomodate more students;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take to provide admission to the eligible students;

(f) whether Government also propose to open more colleges in Delhi in order to meet the growing demand for admission; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (g). According to the provisions of Delhi University ordinances, all those students who have passed Senior School Certificate Examination (Class. XII) of the Central Board of Secondary Education or an equivalent Examination with 40% or above are eligible for admission to under-graduate courses in Colleges as regular students subject to minimum age limit of 17 years.

The University of Delhi has informed

that 57,613 students who have passed Senior Secondary and equivalent examination (Class-XII) from Delhi with 40% or above marks are eligible for admission to various under-graduate courses. As against this, the University has an intake capacity of 55,386 for admission to under-graduate courses. Out of these 29,076 seats are available in Colleges, 3,510 seats in Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board and 22,800 in the School of Correspondence Courses and continuing Education. A decision has also been taken to admit upto 20% students over the sanctioned strength of each College, wherever necessary. In addition, the UGC has accepted the proposals of the University of Delhi for introduction of various new Courses in Delhi Colleges w.e.f. academic session 1990-91 with total intake capacity of about 875 students. The University of Delhi has informed that in order to meet the growing demand for admission, two new Colleges, one at Karampura in West Delhi with a capacity of 300 seats and the other at Shahdara in East Delhi with capacity of 180 seats are to be started by Delhi Administration in the current academic year.

As several students apply for admission to more than one course and in more than one college simultaneously and the process of admission is still on, the number of students who have applied for admission and the number who have not been able to obtain admission cannot be stated precisely. However, the University had indicated that it should be in a position to absorb practically all the eligible candidates.

The position regarding the number of SC/ST students admitted, is being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Koel-Karo Project, Bihar

1090. SHRI KARIA MUNDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: