

(c) whether Government have taken/ proposed any measures for reversal of the trend to check the brain drain effectively, by providing best possible work environment and better remuneration to the young talented and highly experienced scientists on return; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Some Indian Scientists, Engineers and Doctors do go to other countries for jobs and higher studies. However, no specific record about the numbers is maintained in this regard. In the present situation of global inter-dependence, inter-action of institutions in one country with institutions and academics in another country is inevitable. Several steps have been taken from time to time by the Government to minimise the outflow as also to attract Scientists and Technologists settled abroad to return to India. Some of these are:

- creation of new Scientific Department/Organisations;
- setting up of more centres of excellence/advanced studies in Universities and academic institutions;
- creation of core groups of professionals with necessary modern facilities required for pursuing research in new and frontier areas of science;
- S&T based training from Entrepreneurship Development Board (Department of Science & Technology);
- manpower development training/retraining programmes through associateships/fellowships/courses;
- provisions for temporary placement of Scientists and Technocrats under the scheme of Scientists' pool;
- invitation to distinguished men and women of Indian origin settled abroad for short term technical

assignments to assist in frontier and emerging areas of S&T.

Mid-Day Meal Scheme

1513. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India in Mid-August, 1995 announced Mid-day Meal Scheme and introduced it in various States, including Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the Food Corporation of India was asked to release wheat and rice every month to various States; and

(c) if so, the quantum of wheat and rice released during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 to Himachal Pradesh, District-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) A Statement indicating the rice authorised for release by FCI is enclosed.

Statement

Mid Day Meal Scheme

(In Quintals)

S. No.	District Name	Quantity of Rice Authorised for Release to Himachal Pradesh		
		1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1.	Bilaspur	9270.0	12360.0	12360.0
2.	Chamba	7964.9	16782.6	16782.6
3.	Hamirpur	—	—	11962.2
4.	Kangra	—	—	11962.2
5.	Kinnaur	2814.3	2962.5	2962.5
6.	Kullu	—	11242.2	13407.9
7.	Lahul & Spiti	966.4	1017.3	1017.3
8.	Mandi	—	6843.3	30321.6
9.	Shimla	—	4629.0	19608.6
10.	Sirmaur	—	9786.3	15670.8
11.	Solan	4962.8	11513.4	15546.3
12.	Una	10524.0	14031.9	14031.9
Total		36232.4	91168.5	197420.1