

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार की इस संबंध में क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा विभाग में
राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुहम्मद राम सैफिया):

(क) और (ख) जी, हां। राजस्थान में जयपुर में और
पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र में केम्ब्रीएस् आंचलिक शिक्षा तथा प्रशिक्षण
संस्थान खोलने के लिए एक संसद सदस्य से अभ्यावेदन
प्राप्त हुआ है।

(ग) सरकार ने ऐसे स्थानों के संबंध में पहले ही
निर्णय ले लिया है जहां प्रशिक्षण संस्थान स्थापित किए
जाते हैं।

Relaxation of norms for import of potassic fertilizers

865. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the
Minister of CHEMICALS AND
FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite caveat by agricultural
body, norms for import of potassic fertilizers
from CIS has been relaxed, as reported in the
"Indian Express", dated 5.11.96;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to the
observations made therein and facts in this
regard;

(c) the justification for relaxing the norms
against the technical opinion; and

(d) the total quantity of chemical fertilizer
imported since relaxation of statutory
specifications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND
FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c)
Prior to the decontrol of phosphatic and potassic
fertilizers in August '92, relaxation in particle
size specifications was being accorded for
import of Muriate of Potash (MOP) from the
Former Soviet Union (FSU), which is one of the
largest producers of MOP. Since the
decanalisation of MOP imports in June '93, the
question of relaxation in particle size
specifications has been under the active
consideration of the Government. As no
definite technical opinion could be formulated on
the effect of particle size on the agronomic
efficacy of MOP, it has been decided to relax
these specifications for a period of one year

with effect from 31.10.1996 to avoid disruption in
the imports of MOP.

(d) No imports of MOP from the FSU have
been reported after 31.10.1996.

Pension to retired employees of Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.

866. SHRI MATI MALI SHARMA:
PROF. RAM KAPSE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND
FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any
request in 1995, for grant of pension to the
retired employees of Hindustan Antibiotics
Ltd., Pimpri, Pune;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken a
decision in the matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, and the time by
which Government are expected to take a
decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS &
FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (d)
Yes, Sir. This Ministry had received
representations in regard to introduction of a
pension scheme for the retired employees of
Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. (HAL) with effect
from 1.1.1986. There had been no pension
scheme uniformly applicable to all public
sector undertakings. The Government has now
notified a pension scheme through Notification
No. GSR-740(E) dated 16.11.1993. It is
uniformly applicable to all organisations
covered by the Employees Provident Fund and the
Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952. In terms
of the scheme, the employees have been given
option of becoming members from 1.4.1993.
It is not possible for Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.
to introduce a pension scheme with effect from
1.1.1986.

Decline in wheat cultivation

867. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the area under wheat cultivation has
declined and the area under the non-food crops
has increased; if so, the decline in land