

vested interests are making such suggestions;

(c) whether any pesticide of DU Pont is being examined by any Expert Committee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) An Expert Committee is examining the continued use or otherwise of 15 pesticides in the country. These include Benomyl, Diuron and Methomyl pesticides which are manufactured by DU Pont also.

UNICEF Grants for Schemes in Rural Areas

1987. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UNICEF has been providing grants for implementing some schemes in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the States where UNICEF funded schemes are being implemented;

(c) whether any such scheme has been introduced in Orissa;

(d) if so, since when and the achievements made under these schemes during the last three years; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI VIJLA VERMA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Welfare Scheme for Punjab

1988. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the welfare schemes and programmes in the State of Punjab sponsored by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that the schemes are financed by the Central Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what effective measures Government propose to take to protect the interests of female children through the aforesaid schemes and programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU): (a) to (c) A statement is enclosed (*see* below).

(d) The scheme of Girls Hostels for SCs is of special importance for female children. Similarly schemes for Post-Matric Scholarship, Pre-Matric Scholarship, Book Banks for SC/ST students, Upgradation of Merit of SC/ST students and Pre-examination Coaching Scheme afford equal opportunity to the female children. The inmates including female children are provided with food, shelter and also provided vocational training for their rehabilitation in institutions set up under the scheme for 'Prevention and Control of Juvenile Social Maladjustment for neglected and delinquent children'.