

lasting for a period of around 3 years. The work involved identification of plants/crops with potential for petrol alternatives, extraction of biocnides and their conversion into liquid fuels. Studies have also been carried out on standardisation of agrotechnology for petro crops, improvement in yield of biomass, biocrudes etc.

Pushing in Trained Militants by Pakistan in J&K

475. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether renewed efforts for pushing in trained militants with arms and concentration of troops along Indo-Pak Borders and Line of Actual Control in Jammu and Kashmir by Pakistan in an efforts to scuttle elections in the State were noticed during the recent Lok Sabha election in the State; and

(b) if so, what precise activities on the part of Pakistan in this direction were noticed during the period; indicating the details of Skirmish between the militants and the security forces in J & K?

THE MINISTERS OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SR. BALASUBBARM ANIYAN):

(a) and (b) It is a well known fact that Pakistan has been actively involved in sponsoring, aiding and abetting large scale terrorist and secessionist violence in Jammu & Kashmir. For this it has continued to try and infiltrate armed and trained terrorists including, their own nationals into the State. Attempts were also openly made by them to try and thwart and disrupt the political process and the recent Parliamentary elections held in the State of J&K.

Repeated threats were issued to the people against participation in the elections and to government officials and employees warning them against performing election related duties.

Political leaders, candidates and workers were also repeatedly threatened against involving themselves in the elections, and efforts were made to violently disturb election meetings and rallies etc. apart from incidents of use of explosives and random firing etc. to intimidate such persons. A massive poster campaign was also conducted to try and frighten and intimidate the people in general. On the polling days, there were reports of attempts to plant IEDs and explosive devices at various places and some instances of random firing, to disrupt the process. Despite all these efforts elections in Jammu and Kashmir were conducted peacefully as a result of the elaborate security arrangements that had been made, and the alertness of the security forces and Police.

Wastage of Fruits and Vegetables

476. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to recent report of the Technology Information and Forecasting Assessment Council, in spite of being the largest producer of fruits and vegetables, India's per capita consumption of the same is merely 100 grams and 150 grams, respectively;

(b) what are the official datas in this regard;

(c) whether a major portion of the country's production is wasted for not being utilised; if so, the quantum thereof;

(d) whether any latest technique has been used on experimental basis in some parts of the country to minimise the losses; and

(e) if so, the places where such technique has been used and the results achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY):

(a) and (b) While the report of Technology Information and Forecasting Assessment Council has not been