

victimised for unearthing the corruption, who had already been exonerated by the inquiry authority, that submitted its report to the Minister of Agriculture; and

(d) if so, whether the above report would be implemented, without further delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The CBI is investigating the case and the relevant documents have been sent to them. The report of CBI is awaited.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. They have mentioned about Dr. S.S. Tomar former ADG((ARIS). However there has not been any victimization against him. The President, ICAR appointed Dr. Kiran Singh, DDG(AS) as the inquiry officer in a preliminary inquiry to enquire into the alleged misconduct of going to the press by Dr. S.S. Tomar, the then ADG (ARIS). The Inquiry Officer has submitted his report and the same is being processed.

**Merging Assets of National Institute of Sugarcane and Sugar Technology with ICAR**

2742. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal has been received from the Ministry of Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution regarding transfer of the assets of National Institute of Sugarcane and Sugar Technology, Mau to ICAR;

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- (b) whether the Ministry of Agriculture has accepted the proposal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for the delay in taking decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise, Sir.

(d) The proposal to transfer assets of National Institute of Sugarcane and Sugar Technology (NISST), Mau was received from the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. The ICAR has constituted a Committee to examine the infrastructure at NISST, Mau. The Committee has submitted the report which is under examination. However, the proposal will require approval of Planning Commission, Govt. of India.

#### **Restoring Soil Fertility in Andhra Pradesh**

2743. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in many areas of Andhra Pradesh, intensive cropping with high inputs and high yielding varieties have resulted in steep decline in soil fertility;