

(c) Development and adoption of appropriate varieties of crops like bajra, pulses, oilseeds and more viable agricultural systems such as agro-forestry, agri-horticulture, silvi pastoral system, etc. are being promoted in Rajasthan under various schemes, namely Drought Prone Area Development Programme, Desert Development Programme, National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas, World Bank aided Integrated Watershed Development Programme (Plains), National Pulses Development Programme and Oil seeds Development Programme.

Burning of Rail coaches

*290. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of rail coaches were burnt out at New Delhi Railway Station during the last two months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the causes of the incidents?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Two coaches were involved in fire at New Delhi Station. The fires occurred on 10-7-91 and 11-7-91. While one coach suffered heavy damage the other was partially burnt.

(c) The cause of fire in these two cases has not yet been established.

Development of New Strains of Crops

*291. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new rice strains are being introduced elsewhere in the world, incorporating both high-yield and better disease resistance;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the International Rice Institute in Manila has offered such strains;

(c) what are the steps being taken to pay attention towards better strains of rice and other food crops; and

(d) whether there is any monitoring body to keep track and apprise Government of such developments?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Rice strains incorporating high yield and better disease resistance are being introduced in various countries of the world including India.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Better strains of rice and other food crops are being continuously developed in India having high yield and resistance to disease and pests. Need based high yielding varieties of different food crops are evolved to suit varying agroclimatic conditions based on effective testing under All India Crop Improvement Projects. Required quantity of breeder seed is also produced to meet the requirement of different states.

(d) Yes Sir.

Reimbursement of Capital share invested in Cooperative Sugar Factories to Maharashtra

*292. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Cooperative Development Corporation is expected to reimburse 65 per cent and 50 percent of share capital invested by the State Government towards cooperative sugar factories in backward and developed respectively;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such reimbursement to the Government of Maharashtra for more than nine cooperative sugar factories out of sanctioned 38 new licences in the cooperative sector is still pending due to inadequate funds with NCDC; and

(c) if so, what further action Government propose to take to enable speedy

reimbursement of share capital to the Government of Maharashtra to avoid delays in implementation of sugar factories in the cooperative sector?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) (a) and (b)

Yes, Sir.

(c) During 1990-91 an amount of Rs. 8 crores was provided to NCDC. For the year 1991-92 a provision of Rs. 30.00 crores has been made for providing share capital contribution for Sugar Factories in the cooperative sector. Keeping in view the problems relating to viability and availability of required finances for Cooperative Sugar Factories, Government of Maharashtra was advised by NCDC on 25-2-91 not to go ahead with placing of orders for plant and machinery for 27 new Cooperative Sugar Factories to avoid time and cost over-runs.

Setting up of a Steel Plant in Daitari in Orissa

*293. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR
SAMANTARAY:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Orissa for setting up of a steel plant at Daitari in Orissa in the joint sector; and

(b) if so, by when Government propose to issue license and the reasons, if any, for delay in issuing licence.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) M/s. Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Orissa Ltd., a State Government Undertaking of the Government of Orissa, has submitted an application for a Letter of Intent for setting up of a 3 million tonne per annum steel plant at Sukinda Tehsil, District Cuttack, Orissa, in the joint sector.

(b) The proposal was under examination. However, in view of the recent amendments

in the licensing requirements, issue of L.O.I. for industrial licence would not be necessary.

अम्बेडकर आवास योजना के अधीन
प्लेटों का आवंटन

*294. श्री आनन्द प्रकाश गौतम :
क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की
कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों से संबंधित लोगों के लिए करीब दो वर्ष पूर्व विशेष रूप से लागू की गई अम्बेडकर आवास योजना के अधीन प्लेटों के आवंटन हेतु कोई ड्रा निकाला गया है; और यदि हां, तो इस योजना के अधीन कितने लोगों को प्लेट आवंटित किये गये हैं; और आवंटितियों का वर्गवार विवरण क्या है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो तत्संबंधी कारण क्या है;

(ग) ऐसा ड्रा कब तक निकाले जाने की सम्भावना है; और

(घ) क्या आवेदनकर्ताओं से कोई अतिरिक्त राशि एकत्रित की गई है; यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

शहरी विकास मंत्री (श्रीमती शोला कौल) : (क) और (ख) अम्बेडकर आवास योजना में दो ड्रा निकालने का विचार है—पहला, सफल पंजीकृत व्यक्तियों की प्राथमिकता सूची तैयार करने के लिए और दूसरा, प्लेटों के आवंटन के लिए। इनमें से अभी तक कोई भी ड्रा नहीं निकाला गया है और प्लेटों का आवंटन नहीं किया गया है। यह मुख्यतः उच्च न्यायालय से स्थगनादेश और आवेदनों पर कार्यवाही में लगे समय की वजह से है।

(ग) सफल पंजीकृत व्यक्तियों की प्राथमिकता सूची तैयार करने के लिए