

na (JRY) w. e. f, the current financial year. The Scheme is being continued as a component of the JRY during the current financial year. Since the Scheme has been basically a part of the employment generation programmes, wage component of the Programme has to be more than the material component. This requirement of the programme cannot be satisfied by digging surface borewells. The programme is accordingly confined to open wells only.

As per the guidelines under the Scheme, it is to be taken up only in those areas where open wells are the cost effective mode in comparison to irrigation through tube-wells or surface borewells.

#### Number of A. C Chair Car Coaches in Metre Gauge and Broad Gauge lines

2245. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of A. C. Chair Car Coaches which are in service in Metre Gauge and Broad Gauge respectively in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) what is the amount allotted for manufacturing A. C. Chair Car coaches in each sector in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Statewise allotment of coaches is not done. Southern Railway has 3 M. G. and 10 B. G. A. C. Chair Cars in service in addition to 5 BG. A. C. First cum Chair Car coaches.

(b) The amount is not allotted Statewise for manufacturing of A. C. Chair Car coaches.

भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान संस्थान में शर्तों के लिए बी.एस.सी. (कृषि) डिग्री धारकों को प्राथमिकता

2246. श्री ईश दत्त यादव : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश की कृषि अर्थव्यवस्था में भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान

संस्थान, पूसा ने महत्वपूर्ण योगदान दिया है और इसकी नीतियों के फलस्वरूप 26 कृषि विश्वविद्यालय स्थापित हुए हैं; लेकिन इस संस्थान में स्नातक स्तर पर भर्ती करते समय बी.एस.सी. (कृषि) डिग्री धारियों को कोई प्राथमिकता नहीं दी जाती और यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) इस संस्थान में बी.एस.सी. (कृषि) डिग्री वाले वैज्ञानिकों की संख्या कितनी है और उनका क्या योगदान रहा है ; और

(ग) ऐसे गैर-कृषि स्नातकों का प्रतिशत कितना है जिन्हें एम.एस.सी. और पी.एच.डी. पाठ्यक्रमों में प्रवेश दिया गया है और क्या लिखित परीक्षा में पि को कोई प्राथमिकता दी जा रही है; यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

उपप्रधान मंत्री और कृषि मंत्री (श्री जे.बी. लाल): (क) महोदय, देश की कृषि अर्थव्यवस्था में भा.स.सं. संस्थान (आई. ए.आर.आई) ने महत्वपूर्ण योगदान दिया है और मोटे तौर पर भा.स.सं. संस्थान द्वारा अपनायी गई लैंड ग्रांट पद्धति के आधार पर 26 राज्य कृषि विश्वविद्यालयों की स्थापना की गई है।

यह सही नहीं है कि बी.एस.सी. (कृषि) डिग्री लेने वालों को स्नातक कार्यक्रमों में दाखिला देते समय वरीयता नहीं दी जाती। भा.स.सं. संस्थान के एम.एस.सी. और पी.एच.डी. कार्यक्रमों में प्रतिवर्ष जिन छात्रों को दाखिला दिया जाता है उनमें से करीब 70 से 80 प्रतिशत छात्र बी.एस.सी. (कृषि) डिग्री वाले होते हैं।

(ख) यहां 222 वैज्ञानिक बी.एस.सी. (कृषि) डिग्री वाले हैं। इन सभी वैज्ञानिकों ने संस्थान के अनुसंधान कार्यक्रमों में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान दिया है।

(ग) एम.एस.सी. और पी.एच.डी. कार्यक्रमों में वर्ष 1989-90 के शैक्षिक सत्र के दौरान दाखिल किये गए

गैर-पि स्नातकों का प्रतिशत क्रमशः  
28.7 और 21.1 था।

लिखित परीक्षाओं में पि को भी  
महत्व दिया जाता है, जिसमें एक प्रश्न-  
पत्र सामान्य कृषि से संबंधित होता है।

#### **Demolition/regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi**

2247. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:  
Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration have started demolishing the constructions that were carried out in Delhi colonies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the people living in colonies have objected to the same since they are living in the said colonies since long; and

(c) what steps Government is taking for regularising unauthorised construction in various colonies in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN):  
(a) to (c) The Local bodies having jurisdiction have to take action against unauthorised construction and encroachments. The performance of this duty by the Local Bodies is generally opposed by the people involved.

There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to regularise the unauthorised constructions in the various colonies of Delhi.

#### **Export of Niger Seeds**

2248. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government depend on imports of oil-seeds and edible oils to meet their demand in the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for export of Niger seeds;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact Niger seeds oil is being used in Ayurvedic Medicines which are facing acute shortage of Niger seeds oil;

(d) if so, what efforts have been made by Government to make available the Niger seeds oil to the common people and Ayurvedic medicines manufacturing firms at reasonable rates; and

(e) whether Government would put a ban on the export of Niger seed due to its domestic demand?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) As a short term measure Government is importing edible oils, not oilseeds to partly meet the demand in the country.

(b) Niger seeds mostly grow in tribal-inhabited areas. Some quantity of export of nigerseeds has been allowed. This will improve the marketability of the nigerseeds and in the process will ensure some economic benefit to the tribal people.

(c) to (e) Government is not aware that niger seed oil is being used in Ayurvedic Medicines. Present availability and prices of nigerseed are reasonable and do not warrant a ban on the export of Niger Seed.

#### **Increase in the rates of pensions to old men, women and destitute**

2249. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:  
Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the rates of pension admissible to old women, men, widows, destitute women and children and to physically handicapped persons from the Social Welfare Department of the Punjab Government;

(b) since when these rates have been in force;

(c) whether it is a fact that representations were made from time to time to the Punjab Government to increase these rates at least to Rs. 100 p. m.; and