

3D Video database of New Delhi

2828. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a programme to create a 3D video surveillance database of New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the programme and estimated date of its completion;

(c) the benefits of the programme;

(d) whether such programme will be implemented in other cities in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, under Department of Science and Technology (DST), a research project was initiated in collaboration with the Russian Academy of Sciences for creating a 3-D Global Information System (GIS) database/video surveillance for City Zone-I in Delhi on pilot basis to demonstrate the technology. The Technology is still at the stage of testing and validation. Other parts of the Delhi are not being covered by DST.

(c) The 3D GIS Database/surveillance system has a number of applications like change detection, urban planning and disaster management etc.

(d) and (e) Being a pilot project, no such programme is contemplated for any other major city at this stage.

Growth in Food Technology

2829. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to open 100 food testing laboratories as the existing 31 are not sufficient to meet the situation as India is set to

witness an exponential growth in the Food Technology business, that will even overtake information technology and biotechnology;

(b) if so, whether the challenge in the future would be to meet the existing standards that Europe and other developed countries will impose on imported food items from the developing world; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA): (a) to (c) As per a recent study, about 300 food testing laboratories are functioning in Public and Private sector in the country. Ministry of Food Processing Industries provides financial assistance for setting up/up-gradation of food testing laboratories. It has approved financial assistance to 36 organizations so far, under its Plan Scheme. These laboratory facilities can be availed by consumers, food processing units and other stakeholders for the purposes of food testing. Further, these laboratory facilities have been created keeping in view an exponential growth in the food technology business and for ensuring compliance with existing and future standards of processed food items for domestic as well as export purposes. Government has recently enacted Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which provides thrust on ensuring quality of food products. Accordingly, Ministry of Food Processing Industries is considering to provide financial assistance for setting up/upgradation of about 100 laboratories at national, state and district levels, during the eleventh five years plan.

Institute of Biotechnology

2830. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the Director of Institute of Biotechnology, Cambridge University, India has the best biotechnology study at the PG level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether his Ministry is planning to make our institutes of biotechnology like the Institute of Biotechnology of Cambridge which is earning 3.5 million pounds a year?