

Fire in Sri Rani Food and Fertilizer Plant of DOM

2836. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHA-NA RAO:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND ' CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state;

(a) whether any inquiry has been made into the recent incident of major fire in the Sri Ram Food and Fertilizer Plant of the DCM Limited at Nazafgarh, Delhi;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the loss caused in the production of vanaspati and refined oil in the plant due to the fire; and

(d) whether the production of vanaspati and refined oil has been resumed again in the factory?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) According to Delhi Administration, an enquiry was ordered into the incident of recent fire in the Sri Ram Food & Fertilizer Plant of DCM Ltd., at Nazafgarh Road, Delhi. The report is under consideration of the Delhi administration.

(c) There has been no loss in the production of vanaspati. However, an estimated loss of 75 MT of refined oil has been reported.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Agitation against the damage to the Himalayan eco-system due to deforestation

2837. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing agitation by the people regarding the damage caused to the

Himalayan eco-system due to the deforestation and the fractures caused to the hills as a result of construction of the Tehri Dam Project- and

(b) if so, whether Government are reconsidering the whole project in order to safeguard the Himalayan eco- system?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARA-NAND): (a)' and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import of multisensor plane from Canada

2838. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI KAPIL VERMA;

Will the Minister of STEEL AND' MINES be pleased to state what are the reasons for importing from Canada a multisensor plane for airborne geographical survey when the electromagnetic system developed and tested in India by the National Geographical Research Institute is technologically superior and used successfully for long distances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE' IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE ^ MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): Geological Survey of India has imported an aircraft from Canada with provision for multisensor geophysical system for carrying out aerial geophysical surveys. The indigenous electromagnetic system developed and tested by National Geophysical Research, Institute could not be utilised as NGRI were not given clearance by the appropriate authority to fly the system aboard the particular aircraft available with them. Hence, the question of" non-utilisation of indigenous techno--logy does not arise. The Twin Otter Aircraft is equipped with the latest Scintrex Multi Sensor system which is an Integrated Package comprising High Sensitivity Magnetometer, multichannel Radiometric system (with no

equivalent so far in India) and a three Frequency Electromagnetic System with attendant Four Beam, Doppler Navigation equipment and a highly sophisticated Digital/Analog data acquisition system besides other ancillary instrumentation facility. However, the Time Domain input system (airborne) of NGRI will be used advantageously as a complementary source of data. GSI has also approved a project of flights by NGRI using the EM system, on NGRI obtaining requisite clearance, for proving their system.

Import of cows from Germany

2839. SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of well breed cows. received from Germany under Dairy Aid Programme; and

(b) how many of those were found dead on arrival alongwith the lots suffered by the NDDB?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE: MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Indian Dairy Corporation/National Dairy Development Board received 460 heifers and 50 bulls from 23rd January, 1987 to 15th February, 1987 from West Germany under Indo-Federal Republic of Germany bilateral programme.

(b) 53 animals died abroad the air-crafts belonging to MISR Overseas Corporation taken by Air India on wetlease charter, which arrived in India from 23rd Jan. to 2nd Feb. 87. Since all animals are insured for CIF value for transit and 30 days stay in India, the German supplier has agreed to replace all dead animals at their cost.

. Single Transport Authority in Metropolitan cities

2840. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up a single Transport Authority in the Metropolitan cities to coordinate the activities of the public transport systems;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the progress of the intra urban rapid mass transit system; and

(d) whether any rapid mass transit system is proposed for the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) A Working Group has been constituted to consider the proposal to set up a Single Transport Authority in the metropolitan cities to coordinate the activities of the public transport systems. Its report is awaited.

(c) A Task Force has been set up to advise and to evaluate different modes of mass rapid transit system for urban transport in Delhi and to recommend one most suited to meet the growing needs of Delhi. Its report is awaited.

(d) There is no such proposal.

Soviet assistance to Tehri Dam

2041. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a substantial portion of the 300 million rouble Soviet assistance to India would go for the construction of Tehri Dam; and

(b) if so, the reasons for going slow with the construction of the Tehri dam?