

Rural technology centres /

673. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up rural technology centres in each district; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b)

A new scheme titled 'Composite Rural Training and Technology Centres' has been included in the Seventh Five Year Plan. An outlay of Rs. 20 crores has been provided for this scheme for the Seventh Plan and Rs. 2.5 crores for the year 1985-86. The details of the scheme are being worked out.

Working of C.P.W.D.

674. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:
Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to requisition services of any expert agency in order to streamline the working of the C.P.W.D.;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what steps Government propose to take to improve the working of the C.P.W.D.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Steps are taken by the Government from time to time to improve the working of the C.P.W.D.

At present the following steps/proposals are being considered by Government to improve the working of the C.P.W.D.:—

(i) Review the delegation of financial and administrative powers to avoid routine references being made to higher levels.

(ii) To publish the building costs every year and review the norms for establishment every year.

(iii) To constitute a Group drawn from National Productivity Council, Indian Institute of Management and Indian Institute of Engineers etc. to study and suggest appropriate norms for staffing of C.P.W.D.

(iv) Steps considered necessary to improve the maintenance of Government buildings.

Workshop organised by UNICEF and National Meida Centre on female

675. DR. H. P. SHARMA:
SHRIMATI MATMOONA
SULTAN:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a workshop intended to focus attention on the importance of female as a human was jointly organised by the UNICEF and the National Media Centre in New Delhi during the second week of October, 1985; and

(b) if so, what were the salient features of this workshop?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The workshop was held on the 12th to 14th October, 1985. It pinpointed the major causes and consequences of the neglect of the girl child. Education of the mother and the child attitudinal changes in the community, eradication of traditional prejudices, putting an end to the

trend of distorting the female image in the media, a better health delivery system to improve the health status of both the mother and the girl child, and treating the girl child as an important human resource in society, were mentioned as critical factors in promoting and developing the growth of the girl child.

Talcher Fertilizer Plant

676. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the details of the steps so far taken by Government to remove the bottlenecks in the functioning of the Talcher Fertilizer Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): The coal-based fertilizer plant at Talcher in Orissa, which was commissioned in November, 1980, suffers from inherent design deficiencies and equipment problems/imbalance. The production in this plant has also been adversely affected due to prolonged power cuts. Based on identification of the problems by a Technical Study Group, the following short-term remedial measures have already been taken to improve the plant performance:

(i) Provision of NOX Removal System to prevent choking and corrosion in the Heat Exchangers;

(ii) Replacement of raw gas pre-coolers with SS coolers;

(iii) Replacement of collecting electrodes with SS electrodes;

(iv) Epoxy lining of the new gas line; and

(v) Replacement of 1st stage distiller tube bundles of Urea plant with improved material.

To overcome the problem of power shortage, a 30 MW Gas Turbine

Generator Set has also been installed.

Premature retirement of Gazetted Officers

677. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six Gazetted Officers of his Ministry were prematurely retired in September in a bid to root out corruption; and

(b) if so, the names of the officers and the charges for which they have been prematurely retired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) The following six officers of this Ministry were prematurely retired from Government service in August, 1985 under Fundamental Rule 56(j) in public interest:

1. Shri P. D. Achari, Administrative Officer, All India Radio, Panaji, Goa.

2. Shri H. G. Alagh, Superintending Engineer, CCW, All India Radio, New Delhi.

3. Shri R. N. Prasad, Administrative Officer, All India Radio, Ranchi.

4. Shri J. N. Gupta, Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer, DAVP, New Delhi.

5. Shri V. M. Amalraj, Assistant Distribution Officer, DAVP, Madras.

6. Shri B. C. Mohanti, Administrative Officer, DFP, Raipur.

The decision to retire the above mentioned officials was taken on the basis of assessment of their conduct and performance.