

In order to make timely availability of seeds at affordable prices to the farmers of hilly/remote areas of North Eastern States including Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand and hilly areas of West Bengal, the Scheme of "Transport Subsidy on Movement of Seeds" is in operation.

**Inclusion of sericulture in RKVY**

579. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has decided to include sericulture and allied activities in the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Keeping in view the fact that National Commission for Agriculture and Reserve Bank of India have considered sericulture up to the stage of cocoon production as an agriculture activity, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has decided to include sericulture up to the stage of cocoon production along with extension system for cocoon production and silk yarn production in agri-enterprises up to the stage of yarn production and marketing to be eligible for funding under RKVY.

**Compensation to dependents of accident-victims at NFL unit**

†580. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some days back two engineers and one casual labourer were killed and one engineer got injured due to bursting of a pipe in Naya Nangal unit at National Fertilizers Limited (NFL);

(b) if so, the details of the compensation provided to the affected persons;

(c) whether Government is considering any plan to ensure that the dependents of these persons continue to get medical, education and residence facilities; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following compensation has been paid to the dependents of two deceased employees :

(in Rs.)

Compensation on account of	Late Shri Deepak Chhabra, Manager (Mech.)	Late Shri Mohinder Singh, Shift Engineer (Prod.)-SG
1	2	3
Social Security Scheme	9,00,000	7,67,500

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