

Rural development project on bio-diesel

*291. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the latest status of the proposal of the State Government of Gujarat for funding of Rural Development Project on Bio-diesel worth Rs. 2745.87 lakhs for five years, i.e. 2008 to 2012-13;
- (b) the reasons for its pendency; and
- (c) by when the demanded funds are likely to be released to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI C.P. JOSHI): (a) to (c) Rural Development Department, Govt. of Gujarat has informed that no such project on bio-diesel has been proposed for funding to the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development.

Proper use of computers in Gram Panchayats in H.P.

†*292. SHRIMATI BIMLA KASHYAP SOOD: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the computers provided by Government in the Gram Panchayats in the country, particularly in 3243 computer facilitated Gram Panchayats of Himachal Pradesh, are being properly use;
- (b) if so, whether Government has provided any training to one representative or Assistant or Secretary from each Gram Panchayat to operate the computer;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI C.P. JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The computers provided by States to the Gram Panchayats (GPs) in the country, including GPs in Himachal Pradesh, are being used.

(b) and (c) Training of Panchayat functionaries is the responsibility of the States. However, in addition to the funds provided by State Governments provisions for capacity building and training are

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