

ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY IN PARBHANI

*377 SHRI SIKANDAR ALT WAJD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra have decided to establish an Agricultural University at Parbhani and have approached the Central Government for financial assistance; and

(b) if so the action taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) The State Government have decided to establish two Agricultural Universities in Marathwada and Konkan regions this year. The names of places where the two Universities will be set up have not been intimated by the State Government, nor have they so far sought Central financial assistance for establishment of these two Universities. The selection of site for location of these Universities is to be made by the State Government.

(b) Does not arise.

SHORTAGE OF JUTE SEEDS IN WEST BENGAL

*378. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of jute seeds in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government of India to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE): (a) and (b) As against 4468 quintals of quality seed distributed last year, 5214 quintals of such seeds were made available for distribution in West Bengal during the current season. The deta-

iled information in respect of the jute seed shortage in the state is being collected and will be placed on the table of the sabha,

UNESCO AID FOR LORD NATARAJA TEMPLE

*477. SHRI V. V. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state whether Government have any proposal under consideration to secure UNESCO aid for the renovation of the very ancient temple of Lord Nataraja in Chidambaram ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (PROF. D.P. YADAV):

A proposal in this behalf was received from the Government of Tamil Nadu some time back for obtaining experts and equipment. It was referred to the Archaeological Survey of India for technical advice in the first instance. The Directorate General of Archaeology has advised that the work is not of such nature as to require the services of foreign experts. The matter is under consideration.

SETTING UP OF A VANASPATI FACTORY IN ORISSA

578 SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGARLAMUDI : SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : SHRI LOKANATH MISRA : SHRI K. C. PANDA : SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have sought permission of the Government of India for a licence for a Vanaspati factory in some part of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action, if any, taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) Beyond recommending the grant of a licence to a private party for setting up a vanaspati factory in Orissa, the State Government has not made any proposal of its own for setting up such a factory,