

projects in cutting edge areas of life sciences and biotechnology such as stem cell biology, nanotechnology, biomedical devices and implants and advanced agriculture technologies. Different models of public private partnerships schemes have been launched benefitting so far more than 140 small and medium enterprises. Special schemes such as Innovation of Science Pursuit for Inspire Research (INSPIRE), Rapid Young Scientists Research Grants (RAPID), Young Innovator Fellowships (YIF) and programme for upgrading undergraduate colleges have been launched for attracting students to science with significant outcome. In health care, products such as vaccines and diagnostics kits for rotavirus diarrhea, malaria, dengue have been developed and clinical trials conducted. Through agricultural biotechnology, new crop varieties of maize, rice, wheat, chickpea, tomato and brinjal have been developed. The biotech industry during 2010-11 recorded a growth of US \$ 4.00 billion (Rs. 17249.34 Crores) from the level of US\$ 1.00 billion (Rs. 4745 crore) in 2006-2007.

(f) Does not arise.

Electronic Media under PCI

763. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal that the electronic media be brought under the ambit of the Press Council of India (PCI);

(b) whether PCI would be reconstituted as the Media Council; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA): (a) to (c) Press Council of India has proposed to bring electronic media also under its jurisdiction by amendment in the Press Council Act, 1978. The Press Council of India has also proposed to rename itself as Media Council.

The amendments to the Act are under consideration of the Government and if considered necessary, would be drafted carefully after wide consultation with the stakeholders and evolving consensus on the important issues relating to the media.

Water quality in rivers

764. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: