

2. An Integrated Security System consisting of electronic surveillance of vulnerable stations through Close Circuit Television Camera Network, access control, Anti-sabotage checks has been approved to strengthen surveillance mechanism over 202 sensitive and vulnerable Railway stations and is under implementation.
3. Regular coordination meetings are held with State Police at all levels to ensure proper registration and investigation of crime by Government Railway Police (GRP).

Public awareness against crime like Drugging of passengers is done through regular announcements at stations and in trains.

#### **Statistical data of various sectors**

†2170. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact, that data presented by Government regarding statistics of various sectors are criticised at Government level itself;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether there is a need to make such data more authentic; and
- (d) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) Ministries/ Departments of the Government are inter-dependent in respect of production and use of statistics. The comments of other Departments are taken as feedback for improvement in the system for producing various statistics.

(c) and (d) Improving the quality of statistics is a continuous endeavour of the Government. The inputs for the same are obtained through various mechanisms such as Expert Groups/Working Groups constituted for specific issues and consultation with stakeholders. Modernisation of data collection techniques and compilation systems is also taken recourse to.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned till 12.00 hours.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The House then adjourned at forty two minutes past eleven of the clock.

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The House reassembled at twelve of the clock,

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

**SHORT NOTICE QUESTION**

**New variety of coloured cotton**

3. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that our agro-scientists have conducted deep research to develop a new variety of naturally coloured cotton;

(b) whether due to lack of proper coordination and marketing system, such innovative variety of naturally coloured cotton has not reached to large part of cotton growers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**Statement**

(a) Yes, Sir. Almond brown coloured cotton JCC-1 (KC 94-2) was developed by Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya, Madhya Pradesh, while DDCC-1 was developed by University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad. One dark brown colour cotton line MSH 53 was developed by Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur.

(b) and (c) The lack of assured market with matching price is the constraint to pursue cultivation of naturally coloured cotton. Suitable isolation distance to cultivate natural colour cotton to prevent contamination and deterioration of the white lustre of normal cotton dissuade farmers to take up the colour cotton cultivation. The poor fibre quality attributes, unstable colour after exposure to sunlight and significantly low yields are other problems associated with colourful cotton cultivation on a large scale.

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