

(b) and (c) A legal notice dated 10.02.2012 was received from one of the Scientists through his Advocate mentioning that arrears of ₹ 268000/- for the period 18.09.2006 to 30.09.2009 have not been paid. A detailed reply was sent to Advocate on 13.04.2012 under intimation to DST whereby it was intimated that arrears of the Scientist in question for the period 16.09.2009 to 30.9.2009 were calculated as ₹ 7725/- since arrears were effective *w.e.f.* 16.09.2009 only and the same were paid to the Scientist on 09.03.2012 through a cheque no. 640191 dated 07.03.2012. The letter sent to the advocate was received back as the address given by the advocate was not correct or genuine.

Swimming pool at NIPER, Mohali

2996. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the original cost envisaged under Eleventh Five Year Plan to build a swimming pool in National Institute of Pharmaceuticals Education and Research (NIPER) Mohali, Punjab;

(b) whether the pool is functional;

(c) if so, the details of its usage till date and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when it will become operational along with the details of collections obtained for usage charges of swimming pool from the students in this regard, year-wise during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) The cost involved is ₹ 125.00 lacs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) NIPER, Mohali has informed that swimming pool is already in operation and is functioning since 27.09.2012. The facility is used by students, staff and faculty of the Institute. 177 members used the facility in 2012 for approximately two months, 222 members used the swimming pool which includes staff and students during 2013. An amount of ₹ 44250.00 was collected in 2012 and an amount of ₹ 55500.00 was collected in 2013.

Creation of Intellectual Property Rights department at NIPER, Mohali

2997. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an inquiry was conducted by Central Bureau of

Investigation (CBI) in the matter of Rs. 2.25 crore released for creation of Intellectual Property Rights department at National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education Research (NIPER), Mohali during Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

- (b) if so, the observations of CBI and action taken by Government in the matter?

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

(b) National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), Mohali has informed that no observations have been received from the CBI till date. However, Dr. Parikshit Bansal, Ex. Assistant Professor of the Institute filed a Civil Writ Petition (CWP No. 14537 of 2012) in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, hence the matter is sub-judice. However, CBI has already filed their reply in the Hon'ble Court.

Meetings of DAC

2998. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Department of Agriculture and Cooperation conducts meetings to assess demand and supply of fertilizers before start of each cropping seasons *i.e.* Kharif and Rabi;

- (b) if so, whether such meetings are also held with regard to demand and supply of fertilizers to Andhra Pradesh;

- (c) if so, the minutes of each of such meetings held during the last three years and this year, year-wise and seasons-wise; and

- (d) whether all the decisions taken in each of the above meetings are implemented, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) Yes, Sir. Before start of each cropping season *i.e.* Kharif and Rabi, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) conducts biannual Zonal Conferences to assess demand of fertilizers for the coming cropping season *i.e.* for Kharif (April to October) in the month of February and for Rabi (October to March) in September. Officials of Department of Agriculture of all the States, Suppliers/Fertilizer Companies, FAI, Ministry of Railways and Department of Fertilizers are participants in these biannual Zonal Conferences.

- (b) Yes, in Zonal Conferences requirement of fertilizers is assessed with respect to all the States including Andhra Pradesh.