

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) Several alternate genes have been shown to improve the stress tolerance in crop plants. Such genes include those encoding for enzymes for modifying membrane lipids, LEA proteins, detoxification enzyme and stress inducible transcription factors. Two DNA clones that encode DRE binding (dehydration responsive element binding) proteins, DREB 1A and DREB 2A have been isolated from Arabidopsis. However the research work with these genes is only at experimental stage.

(d) Efforts are underway to clone and characterize drought related genes namely DREB 1A and DREB 2A for its transfer to other plants.

Revamping of BVFCL

1366. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the complete revamping of Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL) of Namrup has been achieved;

(b) whether the grievances of workers and employees of BVFCL have been removed;

(c) if so, how it is done, and

(d) if not, the difficulties being faced in it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHHATTRA PAL SINGH): (a) The revamp of Namrup units is expected to be completed in February, 2004.

(b) to (d) The main grievance of workers and employees of BVFCL is about revision of their wages, which has not been effected so far.

CBI probe against Johnson & Johnson

1367. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Johnson & Johnson had been