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RAJYA SABHA

from the hon. Minister as to what steps are being taken by the Government to solve this problem.

SHRI T. R. BAALU: Please repeat the question.

SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Sir, we could not get it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Repeat the question.

SHRI C. PERUMAL: Sir, in Tamil Nadu, the menace of caterpillar pests is destroying the ground and other crops. I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to what steps are being taken by the Government to solve this problem.

SHRI T.R. BAALU: Sir, this question pertains to the Department of Agriculture. I will get the information from them and pass it on to the hon. Member

*433. [The questioners (Shri K. Rahman Khan and Shri M.V. Rajasekharan) were absent for answer *vide* page 37-38 *infra*.]

*434. [The questioner (Shri Khan Ghufuran Zahidi) was absent for answer *vide* page 38 *infra*.]

Setting up of Utkal Chapter in Orissa

*435. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR : †

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Utkal Chapter, branch of National Human Resource Development has been set up in Orissa, if so, the main objective and other details thereof;

(b) the number of existing chapters operating under National Human Resource Development network; and

(c) how far this would help in the development of the State and its people?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir. The Ministry of Human Resource

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Ms. Pramila Bohidar.

Development do not have any scheme named as National Human Resource Development Network and the question of setting up any chapter/branch thereof does not arise.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Sir, I want to know from the hon. Minister whether there is any other similar programme in order to help the State to catch up with the developed States in human-resource sector.

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Sir, the entire education programme is directed towards the development of human resource in all the States, and, Orissa also gets its due. Therefore, there is no need to have any other special programme.

SHRI B.J. PANDA: Thank you, Sir. Sir, the hon. Minister has already clarified that there is no scheme, particularly under this name which has been reported in some regional newspapers for the purpose of monitoring large number of institutes in the private sector, both in technical and management fields. Sir, my question to the hon. Minister — obviously those reports were erroneous — is this: Is it a fact that there are a large number of such private institutes and many of them are unrecognised, as a result of many students get pleased by it? I would like to know from the hon. Minister what are the measures taken to supervise such institutes and to alert the public about them?

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: A separate notice is needed for that.

*436. [The questioner (Shri H.K. Javare Gowda) was absent for answer
vide page 30—40 *infra*.]

*437. [The questioner (Shri Vijay J. Darda) was absent for answer
vide page 40—41 *infra*.]

Drought assistance to Gujarat

*438. DR. A.K. PATEL : †

PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Gujarat Government for additional Central assistance to mitigate drought in the State; and

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. A.K. Patel.