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(b) the amount given as subsidy to the existing laboratories during the same period; and

(c) whether a procedure has been evolved to ensure that the amount of subsidy granted is actually utilised for the purpose; if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRIT. N. SHANMUGAM) : (a) and (b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up laboratories for testing of food products of its own but provides assistance for setting up the same by IITs, Universities, Agricultural Universities, Research Institutions, Veterinary Colleges, Cooperatives, Industry Associations, NGOs, voluntary agencies, public sector, joint sector, assisted sector and private sector industries etc. During the last 3 years Ministry has provided Rs. 780 lakhs for setting up and modernisation of 15 laboratories for checking Quality of processed foods. These laboratories are located at Bangalore and Mysore (Karnataka), Udaipur (Rajasthan), Lucknow, Izzatnagar and Pratapgarh (UP), Ludhiana (Punjab), Hisar (Haryana), Pantnagar (Uttaranchal), Pune (Maharashtra), Jammu (Jammu & Kashmir), Chittoor (Andhra Pradesh), Kolkata (West Bengal) and New Delhi.

(c) Yes, Sir. To ensure that the amount of grant is actually utilised for the purpose it has been given, Ministry obtains Utilisation Certificate and Statement of Account containing details of expenditure duly certified by Chartered Accountant. A high level Steering Committee has been constituted under the Chairpersonship of the Joint Secretary to monitor the projects. Officer of the Ministry and the State Government Officers (Nodal Agency) visit the laboratory to assess progress at site. Laboratories are also required to submit details regarding achievements to the Ministry.

Processing technology for banana based soft Drink

3788. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has developed processing technology for a banana based soft drink;

(b) if so, what are its details; and

(c) when will its commercial production commence ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI T. N. SHANMUGAM) : (a) Yes. The National Research Centre for Banana, (ICAR), Trichy, Tamil Nadu has developed a technology for production of Banana based Carbonated Ready-to-Serve (RTS) drink.

(b) The enzyme clarified banana juice is converted into Ready-to-Serve (RTS) beverage, then pasteurized and aerated with carbon dioxide at suitable levels and crown corked on a carbonating machine.

(c) The technology is ready for transfer to all those interested in commercial production.

Pay parities in universities

3789. SHRI V. V. RAGHA VAN:
SHRI N. R. DASARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 566 given in Rajya Sabha on 5th May, 2000 and the state :

(a) whether the parity in the scale of pay and the age of Superannuation of Librarians and Directors of Physical Education (DPEs) in Universities and colleges with those of teachers has been implemented;

(b) if so, since when; and if not the reasons for delay;

(c) whether any decision has been taken on the Revision of Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) and other terms and conditions of their services;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for delay in taking a decision on the issue; and by when it is expected ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (e) The scales of pay and the age of superannuation of Librarians and Directors of Physical Education (DPEs) in Universities and Colleges have already been revised at par with those of teachers *w.e.f.* 1-1-1996. Revision of Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) and other terms