

Mysterious Disease In Trees and Plants

1329. SHRI DEVI BIX SINGH:
SHRI RATILAL VARMA:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether mysterious disease is spreading in trees and plants in hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh particularly in the valley of Flowers:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, has detected wide spread occurrence of three fungal diseases in Chir pine forests of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Two of the diseases are related to Pine needles and result in yellowing and death of the needles preventing photosynthesis and thus growth of the trees. The third i.e. Chir pine stem blister rust, causes yellowing of the foliage due to pathological girdling of the tree stems thereby resulting in their death.

A stem of FRI scientists have also observed that the population of some species like Polygonum and Impatiens has considerably increased in the Valley of Flowers overshadowing the others the consequence could be reduction of species biodiversity in the Valley.

(c) State Government has been warned by the FRI through issue of alert bulletins to check spread of the disease by closing the affected areas to felings. Forest Research Institute is conducting trials with some

fungicides. Based on the result of the trials the State Forest authorities would be advised for large scale application in the field.

Central Grant for Academies

1330. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:
SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIYA:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDRYA:

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

(a) the names of cultural academies, councils and museums for which Madhya Pradesh and another State Governments have sent proposals to the Union Government for financial assistance/grants;

(b) whether the proposals have been sanctioned;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) KUMARI SELJA: (a) to (d). The information for the year 1991-92 is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

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Referral Hospital

1331. DR. ASIM BALA:
SHRI AJAY MUKHOPADYAY:
PROF. SUSANTTA CHAKRABORTHY:
SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH:
PROF. MALINI BHATTACHARAYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1965 on July 21, 1992 and state: