

[Translation]

**Development of Forest Villages in  
Madhya Pradesh**

4008. SHRI S.C. VARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any scheme to the Union Government for development of 1345 forest villages of the State dominated by tribals and Scheduled Castes;

(b) the estimated cost of the proposed scheme and the amount sanctioned by the Union Government during the last three years; and

(c) whether Union Government have not given any grants after 1988-89; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUSTRAY): (a) No such scheme has been received by the Central Government from Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c). Central Government is not implementing any scheme for development of forest villages in the 7th Five Year Plan.

[English]

**Special Assistance to Manufacturers of  
Electronic Goods**

4009. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give more importance to production of electronic goods and encouragement to electronic industry;

(b) whether Government propose to

give special assistance and incentives to start such industries; if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of large scale electronic units in Kerala in public sector and private sector; and

(d) whether Government propose to start some new electronic goods producing factories in Kerala, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b). Government have already initiated a number of measures to promote and encourage the electronic industry. Details are given in the attached Statement - I.

(b) to (c). The details of large scale electronic units in Kerala in public sector and private sector alongwith the items they are licensed to manufacture are given in statement - II.

(d) There is no specific proposal with the Government to start new electronic units in Kerala, at present. Applications as received will be considered favourably on merits.

**STATEMENT - I**

The following specific policy measures have been taken to promote the electronic industry in the country:-

1. For a number of categories, "broad-based" licences are issued.
2. The electronic components industry has been delicensed.
3. The import of technology and foreign collaboration are permitted in all areas of electronics. Units having foreign equity less