

[*Translation*]

Steps to check Environmental Pollution and Denudation of Forests in Uttar Pradesh

2069. SHRI GANGA CHARAN LODHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check environmental pollution and denudation of forests in the Kwarai region of Hamirpur district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Dahanu Thermal Power Project

2070. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had given clearance to the Dahanu Thermal Power Project in Maharashtra;

(b) whether Government propose to reconsider its stand on the matter;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the final stand of Government on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOR-

ESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Certain representations have been given to this Ministry by two environmental groups of Maharashtra urging reconsideration of the clearance. These are under consideration.

Promotion of Archery

2071. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to promote the art/sport of Archery;

(b) if so, the details of plan for promotion of archery;

(c) whether efforts have been made to spot the good talents from among the Adivasis/Tribals of the forests of Wyanad area in Kerala;

(d) if so, the details of tribes among whom such talent was identified; and

(e) the steps taken to give support and encouragement to them for the 'sport' of archery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A Long Term Development Plan has been drawn up which includes: systematic and intensive training of talented archers; engagement of foreign coaches; organisation of competitions at various levels; for-