

would be incorporated in the Plan Document.

Widening of Tanakpur-Tawaghat Motor Road in U.P.

2110. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal in the current Five Year Plan for widening of Tanakpur-Tawaghat (U.P.) Motor Road or for the construction of an alternative motor road for this area; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Scheme for Greening of the Himalayas

2111. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national mission on waste lands development has initiated a scheme for greening of the Himalayas;

(b) if so, whether a comprehensive scheme has been prepared in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total expenditure to be incurred thereon?

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) Under the newly introduced scheme for Integrated Wastelands Development, projects for 'greening' of the Himalayas are being taken up.

(b) and (c). The main components of the scheme are:

- (i) micro-planning for integrated wastelands development;
- (ii) conservation of selected ecologically fragile areas like the Western Himalayas, Aravallies and Western Ghats;
- (iii) technology extension for special problem lands; and
- (iv) regeneration of degraded forest areas through natural regeneration supplemented by planting wherever necessary, with main focus on raising indigenous species for providing fuelwood, fodder, small timber, minor forest produce, etc.

(d) During 1989-90, 10 projects have been sanctioned in the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh for total amount of Rs. 308.90 lakhs. The outlay for the Eighth Plan has not been decided.

Assistance from Abroad to Combat Pollution

2112. SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to seek assistance from abroad to combat pollution in the country;

(b) if so, the countries which have been approached;