#### 323 Written Answers

#### Study About water Pollution due to use of Chemical Fertilisers

2133. SHRI MANDHATA SINGH: WIII the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been undertaken by Government to estimate the extent of pollution caused in the river waters due to use of chemical fertilisers and insecticides in the fields: and
- (b) if so, the findings of the study and steps proposed to be taken to avoid this kind of water pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOR-ESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE FIN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMEN-TATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) A study has been undertaken by Government on the River Ganga and its tributaries for 25 parameters including pesticides and fertiliser residues.

(b) The study reveals that the nitrate concentration is most of the time within permissible limits, whereas the observed values of pesticides were above the permissible limits.

The Government has initiated steps to regulate the use of pesticides and to promote other methods like integrated pest management and use of pest resistant crop varieties

### **Establishment of Water Treatment** Plants at Lucknow

2134. SHRI MANDHATA SINGH: WIII the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study had been undertaken to estimate the extent of pollution in the river waters caused by the failure of the industrial units to establish water treatment plants in Lucknow and other important cities of Uttar Pradesh:

- (b) if so, the results thereof; and
- (c) whether any effective measures have been taken to punish the guilty to avoid health hazards to the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOR-ESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMEN-TATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The Uttar Pradesh pollution Control Board is conducting intensive monitoring of river -water quality of the Gomti at Lucknow and the Ganga at Kanpur, Varansi, Allahabad and Haridwar- Rishikesh.

- (b) The levels of some critical waterquality parameters such as Biochemical oxygen Demand (BOD), Dissolved Oxygen (DO) and bacterial count at these stretches show that the river waters and polluted in some stretches.
- (c) The measures taken include the following:
  - The penal provisions in the (i) various pollution control Acts have been made more stringent through suitable amendments.
  - Prosecutions have been (ii) launched by the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board against the defaulting units.

A total of 195 cases have been filed under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act. 1974. In addition, the Government has issued notices/directions to 57 industries in Uttar Pradesh under sections, Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

[Translation]

# Minimum Employment Guarantee Scheme

2135. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to implement Minimum Employment Guarantee Scheme in order to provide means of livelihood to tribals, weaker sections, low income groups and agricultural labourers of Uttar Pradesh; and
  - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISH-WANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b. No specific proposal of the kind mentioned for U.P. is under the consideration of the Central Government. However, the Government is separately working on a national programme to ensure for all citizens the Right to work.

[English]

## Vocational Training for Widows of Army Jawans

2136. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of centres at present being run for vocational training to widows of Army Jawans and the stipends paid to them during 1989-90;
- (b) whether Government propose to open such more centres:
  - (c) if so, the reasons therefore; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The following organisation are imparting vocational training to widows of Army Jawans and dependants of exservicemen:-

- (i) Training-cum-production centre, Landsdowne (UP) run by Garhwal Rifle Regimental Centre.
- (ii) Vocational Training Centre, Mizoram.
- (iii) War widows Association, Delhi.
- (iv) Eight centres run by Haryana
  Government-4 at Panchkula,
  one each at chhachhrauli,
  Jhaijar, Dadri and Rewari.
- (v) Training- cum production centre, Rohtak, run by Haryana Government.
- (vi) Three Centres run by Rajasthan Government at Jodhpur Sikar and Jhunjhunu.
- (vii) Training courses run by Ail India Gorkha Ex-servicemen Association at Doon Valley for dependents of Gorkha Ex-servicemen.

In addition, such vocational training is also being carried out by various Regimental centres with their own resources for exservicemen, dependants and widows. The State Governments/Organisations concerned mentioned above are paying stipend to the trainees varying from Rs. 75/- to Rs.200/- p.m.

The scope of existing Ex-servicemen Resettlement Training scheme has also