

- (ii) 43 Zonal blood tests centres.
- (iii) One AIDS unit at Grant Medical College and JJ Hospital Bombay of which Rs. 12.00 lakhs given by the Government to Maharashtra. The Government of India, in collaboration with the State Government has also identified Information, Education and Communication activities among persons practicing high risk behaviors and for which necessary Central Assistance has also been released to the State.

Under the Medium Term Plan, the Activity Plan of the Maharashtra State has already been approved by Government and funds for implementing the activities have already been released to State Government. For strengthening the programme management at the State level, the State Government has already agreed to establish a separate AIDS Control Cell to implement and monitor the programme activities.

Women Congress Meet for a Healthy Planet

4128. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Govern-

ment has been drawn to the new item "Environment meet: Earnest ponderings amidst hijinks" appearing in Sunday Observer dated November 17-23, 1991; and

- (b) if so, the facts thereof and the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). The World Women's Congress for a Healthy Planet was organized at Miami, Florida (USA) from 8-12 November 1991 by the Women's Environment and Development Organisation (WEDO), a non government agency based in the United States of America. Government of India have not received any report or recommendation from this conference. Hence, question of follow up action by the Government does not arise.

Occupancy Rate in ITDC Hotels

4129. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the India Tourism Development Corporation hotels have not improved their performance and also have not achieved the target rate of occupancy in each of them despite joint business arrangements with some foreign firms;

(b) whether Hotel Ashok, New Delhi & Bangalore are equally not coming up in their performances while huge foreign exchange has been incurred by the above arrangements; and

- (c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Tourism industry in the country has received a set back owing to disturbances in some parts of the country, the Gulf

War and its aftermath, resulting in adverse media coverage. This has also affected the occupancy and financial performance of ITDC hotels, including the Ashok Hotels at New Delhi and Bangalore.

Schemes of National Waste Land Development Board

4130. **SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:**
DR. A.K. PATEL:
SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the various schemes formulated for the Wastelands development in different regions by the National Wasteland Development Board;

(b) the extent of success achieved by the Board in its schemes;

(c) whether the Board made grants to States; and

(d) if so, the amount of such grants, State-wise and actual utilization thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The following Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented by the National Wastelands Development Board:-

1. **Integrated Wastelands Development Projects Scheme.**
2. **Fuelwood/Fodder Projects Scheme.**

3. **People's Nurseries Scheme.**
4. **Margin Money Assistance Scheme.**
5. **Raising of Minor Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants Scheme.**
6. **Seed Development Scheme.**
7. **Aerial Seeding Scheme.**
8. **Grants-in-aid Scheme (for Voluntary Agencies).**

(b) The total target and achievement for afforestation/tree planting under the 20-Point Programme for all the States put together during the Seventh Five Year Plan is as given below:-

Target	Achievement
8.6 million hectares	8.8 million hectares

As regards the Plan schemes for the Board, these are mostly in the nature of new initiatives needed to fill the missing gaps and to make qualitative changes in the on-going programmes of afforestation, tree planting and wastelands development. Most of these schemes were started during the later part of the Seventh Five Year Plan and it is too soon to assess their success at this stage.

(c) and (d). The Statewise allocation and utilisation of funds for afforestation/tree planting activities under the 20-Point Programme, including the funds provided by the Board, during the Seventh Five Year Plan, is given in the Statement below.