

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : The expenditure borne by the Government for running the Nehru Yuvak Kendras in the country was Rs. 2.16 crores, Rs. 2.31 crores and Rs. 2.75 crores in the years 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 respectively.

[English]

“Steps to Make Tourist Resorts Pollution Free”

5614. **PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether tourists resorts deserve to be pollution-free on priority basis; and

(b) if so, measures Government propose to take to make Srinagar, Gulmarg and Pahalgam in the J and K State pollution free ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN) : (a) and (b). While tourists resorts, as other areas need to be free from pollution, there are no specific proposals with the Union Government to make Srinagar, Gulmarg and Pahalgam pollution free.

Development of Sinkhedraja as a Tourist Centre

5615. **SPRI MUKUL WASNIK :** Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is and proposal to develop Sinkhedraja, in District Buldana which is the birth place of Jijamata, the mother of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, as a centre of tourist attraction; and

(b) if so, the steps taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION : (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b). Sinkhedraja in District Buldana is not one of the centres identified by the Department in consultation with the State Government for phased development in the Centre, State or the private sector.

The State Government however had appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Balkrishna Ramachandra Wasnik for the development of Sinkhedraja in District Buldana. The recommendations of the Committee are presently under examination with the State Government.

Environmental Pollution in Doon-Valley

5616. **SHRI GANGA RAM :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that because of many factories springing up in the Doon Valley especially in the suburbs of Dehra Dun and Rajpur township, there is alarming environmental pollution which has adversely affected the vegetation and animals and human beings of the area, many of whom have developed Bronchitis and Tuberculosis of lungs;

(b) whether according to the experts the quantum of water will be reduced so much that by 1995 even two hours supply will not be possible;

(c) whether due to environmental pollution and indiscriminate felling of trees and mining, the annual rainfall has come down to 30"—40" from 90" and maximum temperature has gone up from 25 degree celcius (recorded in early sixties) to 32.5 degree celcius (recorded in early eighties) in the Doon Valley; and

(d) what measures Government propose to undertake to check environmental pollution in the Doon Valley ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN) : (a) The environmental pollution caused by a large number of lime kilns and other polluting units like cement plants, in and around Dehra Dun, has caused air pollution adversely affecting the vegetation and the living beings. The incidence of the occurrence of Bronchitis and Tuberculosis of lungs has, however, not been studied in details so far.

(b) The question is hypothetical and in cannot be said with certainty what will happen 10 years hence.

(c) While it is true that micro climatic changes have taken place thereby resulting