

in increase in temperature and decrease in annual rainfall, it is difficult to quantify these changes until a detailed time series analysis of the data is carried out.

(d) Being fully conscious of the adverse environmental impact due to deforestation and mining operations in the Valley, the following remedial measures are being undertaken :—

(1) Mining operations in the Valley have been controlled to a great extent;

(2) The polluting industries in and around Dehra Dun are being dispersed to reduce the particulate concentration. A ban has been imposed on setting up of major air polluting industries.

(3) U.P. Pollution Control Board is carrying out monitoring of ambient air quality in Doon Valley to assess pollution load;

(4) A Regional Master Plan is under preparation to ensure that the natural resources in the Valley are optimally utilised.

Activities of Foreigners in Bastar (Madhya Pradesh)

5617. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH :
SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the activities of foreigners in the tribal majority district of Bastar in Madhya Pradesh have again become intensified;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of the purpose behind their visits; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) :
(a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Artificial Rains

5618 SHRI RAM RATAN RAM :
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH
MALIK :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) how far artificial rains have been found successful in the country;

(b) the names of places where experiments have been conducted for the artificial rains during the last three years;

(c) the future programme chalked out in this regard; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose for the year 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS
OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS
(SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Artificial rain making experiments conducted so far have indicated a trend of success.

(b) During the last three years experiments have conducted at :—

(i) Sirur and Baramati (Semi Arid) regions of Maharashtra State;

(ii) Around Madras City;

(iii) Linganamakki catchments area (Karnataka)

(c) In addition to the ongoing experiments in Maharashtra using salt seeding technique, new experiments employing silver Iodide technique are being planned for South India.

(d) Rupees Fourteen Lakhs.

Plan for Scrapping Certain Nuclear Power Plants

5619. SHRI S. M. GURADDI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan to scrap the difficult and erring nuclear power plants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) No, Sir. All the five nuclear power units are currently operating satisfactorily.

(b) Does not arise.

Inter State Boundary Disputes

5620. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases regarding inter-state boundary disputes pending with the Centre;

(b) the reasons for these disputes; and

(c) the time by which Government propose to settle them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) to (c). Boundary disputes between the following States involving territorial claims/counter-claims are pending :

(i) Assam and Nagaland;

(ii) Maharashtra and Karnataka;

(iii) Karnataka and Kerala; and

(iv) Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.

These disputes can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned and towards this end the Central Government will be glad to extend all assistance to the State Governments. It is not possible to lay down any time limit for resolving these matters.

[Translation]

Expenditure Likely to be Incurred for Afforestation in U.P.

5622. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total expenditure likely to be

incurred under the State and Central Heads during the Seventh Five Year Plan for afforestation in hill areas in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government propose to start some schemes in this area with the assistance from international organisations and with foreign aid also; and

(c) if so, the details of such schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN) : (a) The Seventh Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised.

(b) There is no proposal to seek assistance from international organisations for afforestation in hill areas of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Nagpur-Akola-Chandrapur Vayudoot Service

5623. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under the consideration of Government to start Vayudoot service from Nagpur-Akola-Chandrapur (Maharashtra) ;

(b) if so, whether Maharashtra Government has requested the Union Government to start Nagpur-Akola-Chandrapur Vayudoot service;

(c) if so, whether any final decision has been taken by the authorities in this regard; and

(d) if so, when the said Vayudoot service will start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal to operate on this route was not considered feasible.