

A massive programme of afforestation is proposed to be undertaken.

An indepth study is being undertaken with a view to work out the modalities for relieving the pressures on forests, specially by encouraging the use of substitute materials.

(c) A regular marketing system exists for commodities like gas and kerosene and the price of kerosene and cooking gas is subsidised by Government. As regards cement, there are two categories viz. levy and non-levy cement available to consumers. Levy cement is sold at controlled rate and is allocated for various uses by the Civil Supplies Department.

Forest-Based Industries to be set up in the Seventh Five Year Plan

5678. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have set up forest based industries in various States;

(b) if so, the number of such forest based industries which have been set up in different States during the last two years;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the number of forest based industries in the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(d) if so, the number of such forest based industries which are proposed to be set up in Tamil Nadu ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN) : (a) to (d). The requisite information is being collected from the various States and will be laid on the Table of Lok Sabha in due course.

Joint Commission of India and Argentina

5679. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and Argentina concluded an agreement on bilateral economic cooperation and decided to set up a joint commission to institutionalise such cooperation;

(b) if so, what are the agreements that have been signed between India and Argentina in the month of September last; and

(c) to what extent India and Argentina will benefitted and the relations between the countries further improved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Agreed minutes of the Indo-Argentina Joint Committee on Trade were signed in September, 1984.

(c) It is expected that the Agreement will consolidate, develop and diversify the economic relations between the two countries through a larger reciprocal and permanent cooperation in various areas.

Anthropological Survey of India

5680. Dr. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Anthropological Survey of India proposes to set up a centre for advanced study in anthropology during the Seventh Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to come into being ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Government has no such proposal at present.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Setting up of Forest Based Industries in Amrawati

5681. SHRIMATI USHA CHOUDHARI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the possibilities to set up forest-based industries in Amrawati district in Maharashtra have been explored;