

(c) whether the Kuchipudi Dance was represented by any artist ; and

(d) whether any artist from Andhra Pradesh was given any opportunity to participate in Indian Festival at Paris ?

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) 20 groups of artists performed in the Inaugural Mela at Paris on 7th June, 1985.

(b) Types of Dances performed at the Mela included the Folk dances of Manipur, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Festival of India in France which is a year long programme will be featuring performances of Kuchipudi in Paris in October, 1985 and Andhra Shadow Puppets in November-December, 1985.

Plantation of Saplings in Delhi

252. SHRI M. SUBBA REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news report in the Times of India dated 25 June, 1985 under the heading "28 lakh saplings to be planted in Delhi".

(b) whether a study has been carried out about the type of trees required in a city like Delhi in the matter of shade/fruit/value ;

(c) whether it is a fact that in the past in New Delhi, mostly 'Jamun' trees have been grown which have great value as far as fruit shade is concerned ;

(d) whether Government have issued any directive to plant particular type of useful trees ; and

(e) if so details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Jamun is one of the important tree species grown in New Delhi.

(d) No directive regarding the species to be planted has issued.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Financial and Technical Assistance to Developing and Under Developed Countries

253. SHRI RAMSWAROOP RAM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government provide financial and technical assistance to developing and under developed countries ;

(b) if so, the names of the countries to which such assistance was provided during the last two years ; and

(c) the details in this regard ?

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

(b) India has provided financial and technical assistance to a large number of countries. Recipients of India's assistance include our neighbours in South Asia and the ASEAN countries ; many African countries including Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, the African Liberation Movements etc ; countries in the Caribbean like Jamaica, Cuba, Trinidad and Tobago and countries in the Pacific such as Fiji, Tonga, etc.

(c) India has provided both financial and technical assistance to other developing countries.

Financial assistance has been in the form of concessional government to government credits to be used for the purchase of Indian goods and services. Several hundred crores of such government funds have been made available, and they have been greatly appreciated by the recipient countries.

Indian technical assistance is provided under a number of programmes including the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC), the Colombo plan and through multilateral agencies such as UNDP. Indian technical assistance is given on grant basis and is used to provide expertise in