

of Botanical gardens in their respective States ;

(b) if so, the names of the States which have received central assistance for the above purpose so far ;

(c) whether such central assistance has been provided to the Government of Madhya Pradesh for the establishment of a Botanical garden ; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme proposed to establish a Botanical garden in Madhya Pradesh and the central assistance proposed to be given for that purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN) : (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Does not arise.

Atrocities on SCs/STs.

293. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASHAD SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of incidents of atrocities like murder, arson, caste-war, dowry death etc. on SCs/STs and Women in different States during the current year State-wise and Union Territory-wise ; and

(b) steps taken by Government to check these incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Revised comprehensive guidelines have been conveyed to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations vide Union Home Minister's Do letter No. III. 110011/4/85—PCR (DESK) dated April 15, 1985, a copy of which is laid on the Table of the House. (Placed in Library: See No. LT—1159/85).

Security Arrangements at Airports for Detecting Bombs/Explosives

294. SHRI SRIHARI RAO : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state ;

(a) whether adequate security arrangements to detect explosives in bombs explosives exist in all the airports in the country ;

(b) if so, details of security arrangements to detect explosives in the baggage ; and

(c) whether there are any canine security arrangements and the names of ports where canine security arrangements exists and how far they have proved effective ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Hand baggage carried by passengers is checked either with the help of X-Ray Scanners or manually by policemen trained in identification of explosives.

In so far as cargo is concerned, the following measures are being taken :—

(i) Cargo shipments have to be subjected to 24 hours cooling-off period at all stations in India, Middle East/Gulf and African Regions. Special care is being exercised in regard to connecting cargo shipments regarding passing them through decompression chambers and cooling-off period.

(ii) Cargo premises are properly guarded and entry to these areas is strictly restricted.

(iii) All cargo containers are sealed before being sent for leading to aircraft.

(iv) Cargo containers are escorted from the cargo warehouse to the aircraft.

(v) Airlines' employees and their belongings are also subject to security check. It is ensured that only required items of catering are loaded on flight, after security check.

(c) Dog squads (2 dogs each) are positioned at Srinagar, Bombay and Calcutta and have proved effective.

Indian Help to Drought Affected Areas of African Countries

295. SHRI SRIHARI RAO : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to offer help to African countries by way of food packets etc., in view of severe drought conditions still persisting in those countries ?