

Maharashtra	856
Punjab	31
Tamil Nadu	65
Tripura	48
Goa	51
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Total	1,095
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Source: Labour Bureau, Shimla.

Production of Forests Areas from Overgrazing

321. SHRI AJOY BISWAS:
SHRI ANIL BASU:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the short term and long term measures taken for protecting forest areas from overgrazing;

(b) whether Departments of Forests, Agriculture, Veterinary and revenue are coordinating their efforts in this regards; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) The National forest Policy, 1988 lays down short-term and long-term measures for protecting forest areas from overgrazing. Short-term measures include levying of grazing fees to discourage people in forest areas from maintaining large herds of non-essential livestock. Long term measures include regulation of grazing areas with the involvement of the community. This involves full protection of special conservation areas, regeneration areas and young plantations.

(b) and (c). The need for a coordinated approach for protection of forests from overgrazing has been emphasised in various fora. Stall feeding has been recommended with this in view. However, no specific guidelines have been issued to the States in this regard. Each State has adopted its own system of coordination at the State level.

Partial Closure of Unviable Textile Mills

322. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV:
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to allow partial closure of unviable textile mills;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Union Government have made any estimate of such unviable textile mills and if so, the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c). The subject of granting permission for closure (including partial closure) pertains to the State Government.

Assistance to Indira Gandhi Institute of Cardiology, Patna

323. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indira Gandhi Institute of Cardiology at Patna (Bihar) has no open heart surgery facility;

(b) if so, when such a facility is to be provided;