

reply given to Unstarred Question No. 5552 on 29 March, 1984 regarding Mining and explosions in Pretshila, Gaya and state :

(a) the progress made in this regard so far ;

(b) whether illegal mining and explosions in the protected hills like Ramshila, Pretshila and Brahmyoni have been checked ;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(d) whether concerned Departments like Education, Mining, Tourism, Forest etc. propose to hold joint consultations with the State Government in this regard and also undertake joint survey of these sites ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Electric Cremation

4906. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government propose to impress upon the State to opt for electric cremation to save fuel ;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give any financial assistance to States to instal electric cremators ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY

WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) Government do not have any such proposal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Involvement of Youth in Implementation of New 20 Point Programme

4907. SHRI R.M. BHOYE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to involve the youth in the implementation of the Socio-economic programmes envisaged in the New 20-Point Programme by the Prime Minister ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard ; and

(c) whether any guidelines have been or are proposed to be issued to the State Governments/Union Territories in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS, AND WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) to (c) Government in its recent 20-Point Programme have given special thrust on new opportunities for youth. It has drawn up a number of programmes/schemes for greater involvement of youth in various activities of nation building and have taken steps to diversify the existing activities so as to increase its coverage. Keeping in view the directive of the Government contained in Point No. 13 of New 20-Point Programme of 1986, the new opportunities for youth have been identified to be in the field of sports, adventure, cultural activities, promotion of physical fitness, involvement of youth on a massive scale in projects of national importance like cleaning of Ganga, conservation and enrichment of environment, mass education, identification of outstanding young persons in different fields and to encourage and develop their talents,