

**Irrigation projects in various states**

3205. SHRIBAUBHAI MEGHJISHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some irrigation projects in various States have been held up due to land marked under forest; and

(b) if so, the names of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATES FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b). In accordance with section 2 of the Forests (Conservation) Act, 1980 prior approval of the Central Government is required for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes. The States Governments have to obtain prior clearance to all projects including irrigation projects before starting works involving forest land.

**Apna Utsav in Bombay**

3206. SHRI BABUBHAI MEGHJISHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Apna Utsav show in the city of Bombay succeeded to attract crowd at all the places in city;

(b) the places selected to conduct shows in Bombay;

(c) the number of participants in various programmes and amount given as remuneration or as compensation to the participants; and

(d) total expenditure incurred by Central Government for Apna Utsav in Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The places at which different shows were conducted in Bombay are given below:—

- (i) Municipal Stadium (West), Andheri—(opening ceremony)
- (ii) Veer Sambhaji Maidan, Dongri
- (iii) Nare Park, Parel
- (iv) Jambori Maidan, Worli
- (v) Sharmik Vidyapith Mandal/Transit Camp Ground, Dharavi
- (vi) Colgate Palmolive Ground, Bandra
- (vii) Lohia Ground, Santacruz
- (viii) Ismail Yusuf Azad College Ground, Jogeshwari
- (ix) Near Municipal Swimming Pool, Goregaon
- (x) B M C Maidan, Malad
- (xi) Municipal Ground, Kandivli
- (xii) Shivaji Maidan, Kurla
- (xiii) Acharya Atra Maidan, Ghatkopar
- (xiv) Tilaknagar Ground, Chembur
- (xv) Sambaji Udyan, Vikhroli
- (xvi) Cross Maidan/Rashtriya Maidan