

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

(xvii) **Wankhede Stadium—(Closing ceremony)**

(c) A total number of 3,773 artists participated in the various programmes.

Information relating to remunerations or compensations paid to the participants is being collected.

(d) As on 1.9.89, total expenditure incurred on the Bombay Apna Utsav was Rs. 805.42 lakhs (approx.) out of which the Central Government share has been Rs. 500.00 lakhs.

Progress in Indus Valley excavation and exploration

3207. SHRI HETRAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in the excavation and exploration of the Indus Valley and Harappa and decoding of the scriptures discovered in the valley so far;

(b) the total expenditure incurred so far on the project stating whether any annual allocation is made for the purpose with details of the allocations made in the last three years; and

(c) the details of the places/areas where excavation work is presently being carried out and the achievements made so far?

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) and (b). The Indus Valley and Harappa areas fall outside India. Exact details of the progress made till date are not available. In the past also, no scriptures have been reported from the Indus Valley and Harappa;

hence the question of decoding such scriptures under a project and incurring expenditure on the same does not arise. There are, however, in India, many sites which relate to this period of human-civilization which have been and continue to be explored.

(c) At present various Circles/Branches of Archaeological Survey of India are carrying out excavations at the following sites:—

1. Dholavira, Distt. Kutch, Gujarat.
2. Sanghol, Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab.
3. Adam, Distt. Nagpur, Maharashtra.
4. Kolhua, Distt. Muzaffarpur, Bihar.
5. St. Augustine Church, Goa.
6. Chermangadu, Distt. Trichur, Kerala.
7. Gudnapur, Distt. Uttara Kannada, Karnataka.
8. Udaigiri, Distt. Cuttack, Orissa.

As a result of these excavations new light on cultural sequences right from the proto-historic period through the historical period, have been obtained from these sites along with a number of antiquities, structural remains and ancient pottery.

Participation in international and Asian events

3208. SHRI HETRAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the International/Asian events in which the country participated in Hockey, Badminton, Table Tennis, Weight Lifting and track events during the last three years, year-wise till date and the performance of the Indian contingent;