

**Opening of Engineering College In
Orissa**

4820. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether government propose to set up any Engineering College and such allied institutes for higher technological education in the State of Orissa; and

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

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 RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government.

(b) Does not arise.

**Funds for Irrigation in Andaman and
Nicobar Islands**

4821. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any funds were allocated in the Seventh Five Year Plan for irrigation to Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, whether the funds were utilised fully; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Against the 7th Plan approved outlay of Rs. 270 lakhs for irrigation, the likely

expenditure during the 7th Plan is Rs. 278.275 lakhs.

Social Forestry

4822. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of land covered under social forestry schemes in the country;

(b) whether there has been any evaluation of the green belts programme in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps, if any, likely to be taken to enlarge the scope of green belts programme?

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) In the Sixth Plan period (1980-85) about 4.65 million hectares of area was covered under the Afforestation Programme, including Social Forestry. During the first four years of the Seventh Plan, i.e., 1985-86 to 1988-89, 7.14 million hectares have been covered. The expected area coverage during the Seventh Plan period (1985-90) is about 9.0 million hectares.

(b) and (c). Under the Social Forestry Programme, activities for developing green belts in and around urban areas are already being implemented by the State level agencies. A country-wide evaluation of these activities has not been carried out so far.

(d) The Social Forestry Programme has been enlarged substantially during the Seventh Plan period and this trend is expected to continue.