

Vidyalaya Sangathan is scheduled to meet in near future; and

(b) if so, the details of its agenda?

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) and (b). The meeting of the Council under the Joint Consultative Machinery in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has not been scheduled, as the employees' organisations are not agreed on distribution of membership amongst themselves.

Eradication of Corruption

4847. SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated concrete and effective measures for eradication of corruption at all administrative levels in the Ministries/Departments and in all public concerns; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Eradication of corruption is a continuous process. Effective, administrative and legislative measures as are considered necessary will continue to be adopted in the fight against corruption. A comprehensive prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was brought, in making the provisions of the existing Anti-Corruption Laws more effective. A three-pronged strategy i.e. Preventive, Surveillance and Detection and Deterrent Punitive action is continued to fight corruption at all administrative levels. The Lokpal Bill 1989 has been introduced in Parliament for containing corruption at high political levels.

Afforestation in Rajasthan

4848. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as a part of the social forestry programme, afforestation scheme was launched in hundred fuelwood and fodder deficit districts to meet the basic requirements of the community; and

(b) if so, the names of such districts in Rajasthan?

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) Centrally Sponsored 'Social Forestry including Rural Fuelwood Plantations' Scheme was launched in 1980, initially in 101 fuelwood deficit districts in the country. The scheme was subsequently extended to cover 58 other districts.

(b) The districts covered under the Scheme in Rajasthan are Jaipur, Udaipur, Bharatpur, Alwar, Bilwara, Ajmer, Banswara, Jhunjhunu, Kota and Sawaimadhopur.

[*Translation*]

Rivers Polluted during Kumbh Melas

4849. SHRISATYANARAYANJATIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to save river water used for drinking from pollution, especially those rivers where people bathe during "Kumbh Melas"; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to save Shipra river in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh