

**Afforestation in Madhepura District,
Bihar**

4985. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV RAVI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether land in Madhepura district in Bihar is suitable for afforestation;

(b) if so, whether government propose to take any effective steps for afforestation there;

(c) if so, by what time and details thereof; and

(d) 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 RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) to (c). Afforestation and tree planting activities under the 20-Point Programme cover all the districts of Bihar including Madhepura. This includes Social Forestry for raising fuelwood, fodder, small timber, etc. on public/community lands and multiple use trees under farm forestry.

(d) Does not arise

Job Oriented Vocational course

4986 SHRI R.L.P. VERMA Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Directorate of Education, Delhi had Offered a Job-linked vocational course in 'General Insurance at + 2 stage in the vocational stream under the Vocational education Programme,

(b) if so, the details of the criteria proposed to be adopted for selection of the

candidates together with the percentage of marks required to be secured in each subject;

(c) whether there is any proposal to enhance the amount of stipend;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the time by when the first batch of the selected candidates is expected to go on training?

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) Yes, Sir.

(b) For admission to the Vocational Course in General Insurance, a candidate must have passed the Secondary School Examination of CBSE with at least a grade B-2 each in English and Mathematics. For SC/ST Students a C-1 grade is the requirement. Candidates who have passed the Secondary School Examination of any other recognised Board (other than CBSE) with at least 60% marks each in English and Mathematics and in the aggregate are also eligible. For SC/ST students, the requirement is 55%

(c) No stipend is paid to the students when they are in the school.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) After July, 1990

**Plantation Schemes Launched in
Rajasthan**

4987. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the plantation schemes launched in Rajasthan by the Central government, the State Government and Jointly by the Centre and the State in 7th Plan;

(b) whether those schemes have been properly implemented; and

(c) if so, achievement made under those schemes in that plan period?

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) to (c). The main schemes implemented in Rajasthan for afforestation and tree planting activities during the Seventh Plan period (1985-90) were Rural Fuelwood Plantations, Decentralised People's Nurseries, Silviculture Development, Social Forestry under Rural Employment Schemes, Desert Development Programme, Drought Prone Areas Programme, Ravine Reclamation programme, World Bank/U.S.A.I.D. aided Social Forestry Project, etc. The overall targets for afforestation and tree planting have been exceeded. The details are as under:

Target	-	2.61 lakh hectares
Achievement	-	2.80 lakh hectares
% Achievement	-	107.2%

Environmental Degradation Due to Population Explosion

4988. SHRISANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the effective steps being taken by Government to Control Environmental Degradation due to population explosion and industrialisation;

(b) whether Government propose to set up an Environmental Monitoring Agency; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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 DE-

VELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) The steps taken to control environmental degradation due to population explosion and industrialisation have been mainly as under:

1. Schemes for urban and rural development to ensure better environment.
2. Environmental appraisal of industrial and other development projects and prescription of remedial steps for adverse impacts.
3. Necessary legislation for water/air pollution control and environmental protection.
4. Creation of organisational infrastructure to implement the legislations.
5. Afforestation and ecological resto-