

programme during each of the last three years in different States; and

(b) the extent of increase taken place in the forest area during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The amount spent on afforestation/tree planting activities under the 20—Point Programme during the last three years is as given below:—

<i>(Rs. in crores)</i>	
1988—89	588.36
1989—90	506.87
1990—91	612.86*

* Tentative

(b) The Forest Survey of India carries out periodical assessment of increase/decrease of forest areas in the country. The assessment for the last three years has not been finalised.

Konkan Rail Project

3151. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the construction of the Konkan Rail Project so far;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government for the expeditious completion of the project; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Work on Construction of the

Konkan Rail Project has been entrusted to an autonomous body 'Konkan Railway Corporation'. Work on Roha to Dasgaon and Mangalore to Udipi sections is expected to be completed by June'92. Work on other sections is in progress.

(b) All assistance is given by the Ministry of Railways to the Corporation in expeditious completion of the project.

(c) The time of completion of the Project will depend on the availability of funds.

[*Translation*]

Research In Vedic Mathematics

3152. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote research in Vedic mathematics; and

(b) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Government with the help of Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan, an autonomous organisation under the Ministry has taken following steps to promote research in vedic mathematics and organised:—

— Two Workshops and one Round Table discussion respectively at Jaipur, Ahmedabad and Delhi

— A Conference—cum—workshop at Bangalore in joint collaboration between Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan and Abhinav Vidya Bharati.

— Commissioned three monographs on vedic mathematics.

— Awarded a Fellowship for research in Vedic mathematics.

(b) so far, Prof. T.S. Bhanumurti former Director, Ramanujam Institute of Mathematics, Madras has provided proof to Vedic mathematics in terms of modern mathematical concepts.

[English]

Forestry Project for Bihar

3153. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI RAM TAHAL CH-
OUDHARY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a forestry project for Bihar is under implementation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when the said project was started; and

(d) the extent to which the target has been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to d). The Bihar Social Forestry Project is being implemented in the Chotanagpur and Santhal Pargana areas of Bihar with assistance provided by the Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA). The project was started in 1985-86 and will conclude in March, 1992. As against the original project cost of Rs. 53.85 crores, the expenditure ending March, 1991. As against the original project cost of Rs. 53.85 crores, the expenditures ending March, 1991, was Rs. 42.01 crores. The targets and achievements under the project ending March, 1991, are as follows:-

Targets

Achievements

Block

Plantations 39513 hectares

45634 hectares degraded forest lands and
11.80 million seedlings planted on strip lands.

Seedlings

Distribution 145.51 million 144.12 million.

[Translatic n]

Assessment of Family Welfare Programme in the country

3154. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH
YADAV:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRIMATI BASAVARAJES-
WARI:
PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO
DESHMUKH:
SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPA-
THI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the family welfare programme implemented during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the targets fixed and achievements made in this regard during the said period, State wise;

(c) the amount allotted during the same period and its percentage utilisation; and

(d) the details of the financial allocation/ assistance proposed to be made in the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE