

**AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE):** (a) and (b). The Department of Youth Affairs & Sports had sanctioned Rs. 5.00 lakhs to Government of Kerala for construction of an Outdoor Stadium in Calicut. This is the maximum admissible Central assistance for this purpose. Out of the sanctioned amount, Rs. 2.50 lakhs has been disbursed to Government of Kerala on 26.2.87 as 1st instalment. The balance amount will be released after Government of Kerala sent the Utilisation Certificate and the Progress Report in the prescribed manner in respect of the grant already released.

#### **New Trains on Southern Railways**

933. **PROF. K.V. THOMAS:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce new passenger trains on Southern Railway within the next six months; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN):** (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

#### **Increase in Fees By Indian Institutes of Management**

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

(a) whether the fees in various Indian Institutes of Management has been increased many times;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any scheme is being formu-

lated by the Government for providing financial assistance to the students in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA):** (a) and (b). The tuition fee in Indian Institutes of Management has been increased from Rs. 500 per annum, fixed in early sixties, to Rs. 6000/- from the academic session 1992-93 to enable the Institutes to meet a part of increased recurring expenditure.

(c) and (d). Banks are providing loans to needy students. The Institutes have also made arrangements to provide financial assistance to students of weaker sections.

[*English*]

#### **Afforestation Programmes**

935. **SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA:** Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of afforestation programmes launched or proposed to be launched in various States, particularly in Kerala; and

(b) the fund allocated to the State Governments for 1991-92 and 1992-93 under afforestation programmes, programme-wise and State-wise?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH):** (a) Afforestation/tree planting are continuing activities undertaken in the States, including Kerala, keeping in view the funds made available through the State and Central Plans. The main programmes include the externally-aided Forestry Projects, Rehabilitation of Degraded Forests, Strip Plantations, Farm Forestry, Production Forestry, Control of Shifting Cultivation, Fuelwood &