

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). The Forest Departments in the States are planting species having medicinal value like neem, aonla,bael,behera,etc. under the afforestation/tree planting programmes. This

activity is also encouraged under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for raising Minor Forest Produce, including Medicinal Plants. The details of Central assistance released and the area covered under the scheme from 1988-89 to 1991-92 are given below:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Central Assistance (Rs. in lakhs)</i>	<i>Area Covered (in ha.)</i>
1988-89	101.00	269
1989-90	223.00	3804
1990-91	442.00	9833
1991-92	650.00	8300 (Tentatives)

The scheme is under implementation in the states of: Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and West Bengal.

(c) does not arise.

[*Translation*]

#### **Stoppage of Rajdhani Express at Gaya**

967. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand to provide a stoppage of Rajdhani Express at Gaya; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN) (a) and (b) . Stoppage of 2301/2302 New Delhi-Howrah Rajdhani Express at Gaya has been provided w.e.f.1-7-92.

[*English*]

#### **National River Action Plan**

968. SHRI B.N. REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch the National River Action Plan to clean up to polluted stretches of major rivers of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the estimated cost of the entire project;

(c) whether the Central Pollution Control Board has identified such polluted stretches of the rivers in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the State Governments are to share any cost of the project; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) (e) and (f). A National River Action Plan (NRAP) for the abatement of pollution in the grossly polluted stretches of major rivers of the

country is under formulation. Details in this regard are being worked out.

(c) and (d). The Central Pollution Control Board has been carrying out studies to monitor the pollution load in some major river, oceans of the country over the years. 19 grossly polluted stretches in 13 rivers and 7 less polluted stretches in 5 rivers have been identified according to their pollution load. The details of these stretches are given in the attached statement.

*Details of Polluted Stretches of Major Rivers Identified by Central Population Control Board*

S. No.	River	Stretches
1	2	3
1.	Sabarmati	(i) Immediately upstream of Ahmedabad City upto Sabar mati Ashram.
2.	Indus (Tributaries) Sutlej	Downstream of Ludhiana to Harika. Downstream of Nangal.
3.	Yamuna	(i) Delhi to confluence with Chambal.
		(ii) In the city limits of Delhi, Agra & Mathura.
4.	Subarnarekha	Hatia Dam to Baharagora.
5.	Godavari	(i) Downstream of Nasik to Nanded
		(ii) City limits of Nasik & Nanded
6.	Krishna	Karad to Sangli.
7.	Chambal	Downstream of Nagda & downstream of Kota (approx 15 kms. at both places).
8.	Damodar	Downstream of Dhanbad to Haldia.
9.	Gomti	Lucknow to confluence with Ganga.

S. No.	Name of the Voluntary Organisation	Grant released				
		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92		
1		3	4	5		
10.	Kali					Downstream of Modinagar to onfluence with Ganga.
11.	Khan	(i)				In the city limits of Indore
11.	Khan	(ii)				Downstream of Indore.
12.	Kshipra	(i)				In the city limits of Ujjain
		(ii)				Downstream of Ujjain.
13	Hindon					Saharanpur to confluence with Yamuna

*Less polluted stretches.*

S. No.	River	Stretches
1	2	3
1.	Baitarni	Upstream of Chandbali.
2.	Krishna	(i) Dhom Dam to Narso Babri (Maharashtra)
		(ii) Tributary Streams (Maharashtra)
		(iii) Upto Nagarjun Sagar Dam and from that Dam to upstream of Repella (Andhra Pradesh)
3.	Bhadra	Origin to downstream of KICCL of Bhadra Dam (Karnataka)
4.	Brahmini	Upstream of Dharmashalla.
5.	Tunga.	Thirthahalli to Confluence with Bhadra