

(b) There is no concrete proposal so far.

### Setting up of Botanical Garden

6005. SHRI P. P. KALIAPERUMAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start a botanical garden with the British assistance;

(b) if so, the details and the location thereof; and

(c) the time by which the garden is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c). During the recent discussions with the British experts on Indo-British collaboration, the programme for the development of botanic gardens in India was discussed. Details have not been worked out so far.

### Procurement of locos on Hire/Purchase Basis

6006. DR. P. R. GANGWAR:  
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry proposes to enter into a hire-purchase agreement with the International Locomotive Manufacturers to augment their hauling capacity; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The augmentation of hauling capacity on Indian Railways is a continuous process. The hire purchase arrangement also is in the conceptual stage.

### Management of Book Stalls

6007. SHRI B. RAJARAVI VERMA:  
MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) BHUWAN  
CHANDRAKHANDURI:  
SHRI RAM SHARAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Citizens Committee, Delhi, and several Members of Parliament have demanded the abolition of monopoly of A. H. Wheeler & Company as also the management of railway book-stalls be handed over to the Cooperative Societies of workers of railway bookstalls, agents and other reputed publishers/writers etc. on enhanced rate of royalty on gross sales turnover in view of the present economic drive; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b). Some representations have been received in this regard. The matter is under consideration of the Ministry.

### Environmental Plan from Orissa

6008. SHRI ANADICHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any plan from the Government of Orissa for cleaning of rivers and environment improvement of towns;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government