

by UNESCO. The World Heritage Convention was concerned that the Manas Tiger Reserve was under constant threat and attacks from the Bodo tribesmen. This, apart from resulting in widespread poaching of wildlife and illegal removal of vegetation, had also witnessed continuing attacks on Government staff and destruction of properties.

(b) to (e). Considering their biological wealth, historical, architectural and aesthetic importance, 21 sites from India have been inscribed as World Heritage Sites by UNESCO. Out of these, 16 are archaeological sites and 5 are natural sites. Three more natural sites have been recommended to UNESCO for inscription, e.g. Gir Lion Sanctuary, Wild Ass Sanctuary in Little Rann of Kutch and Silent Valley National Park.

[Translation]

**Committee on Anniversary
Celebrations**

3042. SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted committees separately in connection with birth centenary of Acharya Vinoba Bhave and 50th anniversary of independence falling between 1994 to 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the work done by those committees so far;

(d) whether functions on these occasions are likely to be organised by the Government or by some other organisations; and

(e) 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) to (c). It is proposed to constitute a National Committee, under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister for the celebration of the birth centenary of Acharya Vinoba Bhave. No National Committee has so far been set up for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Independence.

(d) and (e). No decision has been taken so far.

[English]

Base Depot of F.C.I.

3043. DR. SAKSHIJI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of base depots of the Food Corporation of India in Uttar Pradesh; district-wise;

(b) the details of such districts in the State which do not have base depots; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The information is being collected by Food Corporation of India from its field offices.

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3044. SHRI THOTA SUBBARAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: