

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.

**Link Express**

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

(a) whether there is a proposal for converting Visakhapatnam-Nizamuddin Link Express into a Superfast train; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

### **Green and White Revolution**

3045. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA:  
SHRI SHIVLAL NAGJIBHAI VEKARIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any high level review of the Green and White revolution enforced during the last three years;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the details of the future plans and schemes to be enforced under these revolutions throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b). The performance of the agricultural development programmes is continuously reviewed and monitored through periodical progress reports/review meeting and also at the time of formulation of Annual Plans. Consequently, the production of foodgrains and other major crops has

increased substantially during the last three years.

As regards white revolution, there is a programme called Operation Flood which is being run by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) with the assistance of World Bank and EEC. The progress of this programme is being monitored very closely by Government and also by these international agencies.

(c) The strategy of agricultural development in future will comprise of a regionally more broad-based pattern of growth, efficient utilisation of the created facilities of irrigation, development of rainfed areas and maintaining a continuous flow of economically viable improved technology and inputs. Operation Flood which is currently in its third phase is scheduled till December, 1994. The World Bank and E.E.C. have been requested to extend the programme till March, 1996.

[*English*]

### **Madan Tank Project**

3046. SHRI RAMCHANDRA MAROTRAO GHANGARE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have accorded clearance to the Madan Tank Project of Wardha District, Maharashtra;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to clear the project early?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND