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6.	Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Project scheme	Augmenting supply of fuelwood and fodder in identified fuelwood deficit districts	50%	Ongoing	503.30	6465 ha. area covered
7.	Assistance for abatement of Pollution	To Strengthen the State Pollution Control Board and State Environment Department	100%	Ongoing	6.80	Targets fixed in terms of financial releases
8.	Central Zoo Authority scheme	Upgradation of Zoos	100%	Ongoing	32.96	2 Zoos covered
9.	National River Conservation plan scheme	Pollution Abatement of River Sutlaj	50%	Sutlaj has been included in the National River Conservation Plan. The scheme has been approved in principle.		
10.	Eco development around National Parks and sanctuaries	To provide alternative sustenance to communities living on fringes of National Parks	100%NR 50% R	Ongoing	13.52	3 National Park covered

NR - Non Recurring
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Gauge Conversion

2230. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for gauge conversion of M.G. line from Bardarpur to Gauhati and Gauhati to Lumding to facilitate passenger and goods trains to run directly to Barak Valley, Tripura and Mizoram; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Gauhati-Lumding has already been converted to broad gauge. There is no proposal for conversion of Bardarpur-Gauhati owing to the heavy investment involved in view of the difficult terrain. Adequate transhipment facilities for passengers and goods have been created at Lumding Junction to minimise inconvenience to rail users.

(b) Does not arise.

Plant Quarantine Facilities

2231. SHRI P. KUMARASAMY :
SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have recently approved a Central sector scheme for strengthening and modernising the plant quarantine facilities in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount proposed to be spent under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). It is proposed to spend an amount of Rs. 46.00 lakhs under the scheme during the VIII Plan on the following components :

- (1) Establishment of 5 new Plant Quarantine and Fumigation Stations at Bangalore, Mangalore, Kakinada, Kandla and Jamnagar.
- (2) Upgradation of 5 major Plant Quarantine and Fumigation Stations at Amritsar, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and New Delhi.
- (3) Continuation of existing schemes.

Export of Food Grains

2232. SHRI HARIN PATHAK :
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE :
SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether FCI has sought permission to issue foodgrains at lower price in open market and export at lower than economic cost to tide over the mounting stocks and low sales through Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;