

Impact of Dams on Environment

2643. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made of the impact of construction of dams on the environment, in particular on the flora and fauna on the Islands in the man-made lakes created by the dams;

(b) if so, the finding thereof; and

(c) if no such studies have been undertaken, whether the Government propose to undertake such studies?

THE MINISTER IN STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) : Studies are routinely undertaken by the project authorities prior to initiating any work respect to construction of dams. These studies, inter-alia, cover status of the attachment and command areas, flora/fauna and the extent of rehabilitation required. The studies bring out the amount of damage which could be caused to the physical and biological environment. Based on the findings of the surveys, requisite environmental management plans are prepared for minimising the adverse impact of the project which include management of flora/fauna on the islands which may be formed.

[Translation]

Engineering Entrance Test

2644. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state : the percentage of successful candidates in the entrance examination of Indian Institute of Technology during 1991 to 1995 and A.M.I.E. examinations during 1990 to 1994 who opted for modern Indian languages as a medium of examination?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : The percentage of successful candidates in the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) during the year 1991-95 who opted for medium of examination other than English, is 1.93. In A.M.I.E. examination, candidates are not required to appear

and pass in all the subjects at a time. Hence, the percentage of successful candidates in various subjects, schemes or branches are also different. Approximately 1% of total registered candidates opt for languages other than English. Overall percentage of successful candidates including those who opt for languages other than English is normally less than 10%.

[English]

Platform Tickets

2645. SHRI A. INDRAKARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total revenue earned through sale of Platform tickets during the last two years, Zone-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to privatise manning of Railway Platform at the entry/exit points; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND HOLDING ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Total revenue earned through sale of Platform Tickets during the years 1993-94 & 1994-95 is as under:-

(Rs. in crores)	
Railway	Amount
Central	5.15
Eastern	2.09
Northern	4.44
North Eastern	0.36
North-East Frontier	0.18
Southern	5.68
South Central	2.43
South Eastern	1.37
Western	4.29

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.