

(c) the names and status of the mathematicians and computer scientists to whom each project has been sanctioned; and

(d) the guidelines and outlines of the action-scheme regarding each of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The nature and type of the suggested project were:

- (i) Development of ideas contained in the book "Vedic Mathematics" by Jagatguru Shankaracharya;
- (ii) Expounding and developing mathematical foundations behind the Sutras;
- (iii) Investigating the possibilities of incorporating the relevant ideas in appropriate computer software programmes.

(c) and (d). The Project Committee of the Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan has approved grant of a fellowship for research in Vedic Mathematic at the school level in the light of the book of the Jagatguru Shankaracharya. The fellowship has been offered to Mrs. Ranjani Chari, a teacher in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. The aim of this fellowship is to carry out research into Vedic Mathematics to establish its applicability to mathematical problems as also to identify the levels upto which it can be applied. Shri Om Vikas of the Department of Electronics has been commissioned to prepare a status paper

on the possibilities of the application of Vedic Mathematics on the computer.

Social Forestry Programme with West German aid

911. SHRISRIKANTHA DATTANARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to expand social forestry programme during the Eighth plan with West German aid;

(b) if so, the amount of West German aid sought by the Government; and

(c) the amount of aid likely to be given by West Germany for implementation of social forestry programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No Social Forestry Project has been posed for West German aid.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Indian Election Service

912. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any suggestions/representations have been received by Government for setting up of a separate Indian Election Service (IES) on the lines of IAS, IPS, etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up a separate Indian Election Service;

(c) if so, when; and