

mittee's work will be entitled to Travelling Allowance/Daily Allowance and use of Government/Public Sector guest houses as admissible to Government officers of the rank of Secretary to Government. Shri Jafa, a serving officer, has been appointed as a full-time Member and shall continue to draw his normal pay and allowances.

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**Funds for Tree Plantation in M.P.**

2830. SHRI LOKENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in larger States like Madhya Pradesh, a very large area of land which lies under Forests and Revenue Departments, plantation has not been carried out on large scale, because of lack of funds; and

(b) if so, whether Union Government propose to advise to the State Governments to allocate forest and revenue lands to the voluntary organisations on lease basis, to make the forestation programme a success?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUSTRAY): (a) Afforestation and tree planting activities are being carried out on lands, including those of Forest and Revenue Departments, on a year to year basis, according to the availability of funds. The State and Central Plan outlays so far have enabled only a small portion of the wastelands to be tackled each year.

(b) The State Governments have not

been advised to allocate on lease basis the forest and revenue lands to the voluntary organisations. However, with regard to degraded forest lands the Central Government has recently issued guidelines involving the village communities and voluntary agencies in regeneration of degraded forests.

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**Youth Hostels**

2831. SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Youth Hostels at present and the locations thereof, State wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct more Youth Hostels in Gujarat during 1990-91; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the amount sanctioned for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) A Statement of 29 youth Hostels functioning/completed in the country is given below.

(b) and (c). The construction of Youth Hostels at Bhavnagar, Pavagadh, Surat and Junagadh as recommended by Gujarat have been approved in principle by the Central Government. The work would be undertaken as and when suitable land measuring 2 to 3 acres is identified by the State Government and handed over.

**STATEMENT**

| <i>S. No</i> | <i>Name of Youth Hostel</i> | <i>States/UTs.</i> |
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| 1            | 2                           | 3                  |
| 1.           | Amritsar                    | Punjab             |