

**"CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
LAW"**

2401. SHRI SANDIPAN BHAGWAN
THORAT :

SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA-
CHANDRAN :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT
AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have re-
cently established a Centre for Environ-
mental Law (CEL) in the Capital;

(b) if so, the details and the objectives
thereof;

(c) whether some more centres are pro-
posed to be established in other parts of
the country by the Government or in
collaboration with any international orga-
nisation during the Eighth Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND
FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a)
and (b) No, Sir. The Centre for Environ-
mental Law has been set up by World
Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) with some
financial assistance from this Ministry:

The objectives of the Centre are to
develop a central repository of legal infor-
mation, monitoring, implementation of
Environmental Laws and organise policy
research for formulation or amendment to
Environmental Laws at National, Regional
and International levels. The Centre
intends to serve the need of India, South
Asia and developing countries in general.
The Centre will have six units—education,
networking, litigation, publication and
media, information and library units.

(c) and (d) The Government has no
plans to establish other centres for environ-
mental law either by itself or in collabo-
ration with international organisation
during the Eighth Plan.

[Translation]

**INDIAN STUDENTS IN FOREIGN
COUNTRIES**

2402. SHRI ANAND AHIRWAR :

SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NA-
YAK :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESO-
URCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to
state :

(a) the total number of students gone
abroad for higher studies during the last
two years, country-wise;

(b) the number of students out of
them belonging to scheduled castes/sche-
duled tribes community;

(c) whether the Union Government have
issued any directive to the Indian students
studying in foreign countries; and

(d) 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)
and (b) A large number of students go
abroad for higher studies on individual
basis. Information for such students is
not available with the Govt. The Govt.
implements some schemes/programmes of
fellowships and scholarships for which the
information is given in the *statement* an-
nexed.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.