

"Industrial Units Manufacturing Liquid and Non-Liquid Toxic Chemicals"

645. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether 500 Industrial Units in Delhi alone are located in Non-conforming areas, including 20 units manufacturing liquid and non-liquid toxic chemicals; and

(b) the total number of such plants throughout the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BIR SEN) : (a) No census of Industrial Units located in Non-conforming areas of Delhi has been conducted recently. However, according to Delhi Administration there are nearly 50,000 Units (including house hold) functioning in non-conforming areas. These include 30 industries manufacturing liquid and Non-liquid toxic Chemicals.

(b) The total number of industries located in non-conforming area throughout the country is not available.

"Protection of Environment and Afforestation Programme during Seventh Plan"

646. SHRI MOHAN LAL PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the specific programmes envisaged in the Seventh Five Year Plan for protecting Environment from pollution and damage;

(b) the special steps being taken by Government for afforestation programmes; and

(c) the total amount allocated for afforestation during the Seventh Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BIR SEN) : (a) The programmes envisaged in the Seventh Five Year Plan for protection of environment from pollution and damage include the following :

(i) Action plan to prevent pollution of the Ganga;

(ii) River basin-wise pollution control;

(iii) Phased implementation of Minimal National Standards for polluting industries;

(iv) Creation of Biosphere Reserves for protection of representative ecosystems; and

(v) Field action projects for reclamation of degraded area.

(b) These include :

National Wasteland Development Board is being set up to take up intensified afforestation programme. It is proposed to afforest 5 million hectares every year during the VII plan period. Afforestation on wastelands, strips on roadsides and lands on both sides of the rail-lines is proposed to be intensified.

(c) A tentative outlay of Rs. 5770 crores is proposed for the forestry sector.

Tourism Schemes during Seventh Five Year Plan

647. SHRI B.V. DESAI : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether for the first time in the country's planning history, tourism will be recognised as a vital sector of economy;

(b) if so, the schemes that will be undertaken by Government during the Seventh Five Year Plan in regard to the development of tourism in India;

(c) if so, the amount proposed to be allocated for the same; and

(d) the details of the proposed schemes that will be undertaken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) to (d). The Approach Paper of the Seventh Five Year Plan as formulated by the Planning Commission and subsequently approved by the National Development Council has made the following recommendation :