

(c) and (d) Under the Ganga Action Plan provisions have been made for schemes to use treated effluents from sewage treatment plants for irrigation, pisciculture and bio-gas generation.

Setting up of Biotechnology Institutes

2432. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up bio-technology institutes in the country to train researchers in various scientific and technology fields during the Seventh Five Year Plan period ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the places where these institutes are to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHI RAJ V. PATIL) : (a) No Sir. The programme of integrated manpower development of the Department of Biotechnology is to initiate multi-disciplinary Post Graduate teaching and training programme in various subjects of biotechnology. Instead of setting any new institutes solely for this purpose, teaching and research institution which already possess competence in these areas have been strengthened with additional faculty positions, funds, chemicals, equipments and specialised infrastructural facilities etc. These programmes have already been commenced in five Universities. In addition, the Department has also programmes for short term training in new techniques in Biotechnology to be conducted by different research institutions in the country.

(b) Does not arise.

Promotion of Bharatnatyam in Foreign Countries

2433. SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to promote Bharatnatyam in foreign countries ;

(b) if so, the names of the countries where schools to teach Bharatnatyam have been started ; and

(c) if not, whether any steps will be taken to have school to promote Bharatnatyam in foreign countries ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B.R. BHAGAT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indian dances including Bharatnatyam are being promoted through the visits of Indian troupes abroad, encouragement of cultural activities by our Missions in foreign countries and through the award of scholarships to foreign students for learning Indian Dance in India. No schools have been set up abroad exclusive for teaching Bharatnatyam.

Bharatnatyam is from time to time performed in Indian cultural Centres abroad. Teaching of Bharatnatyam on a regular basis in these Centres in subject to local demand and availability of resources.

Declaration of Bihar as a Backward State

2434. SHRI YOGESHWAR PRASAD YOGESH : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Bihar has demanded Bihar to be declared as a backward State ; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to meet this demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Loans for Installation of Pollution Control Measures

2435. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state