

**SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) :** (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Annual Tree Plantation Programme**

4079. **SHRI PARASRAM BHARADWAJ :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether in connection with annual tree plantation programme, Government have received certain recommendations of the "Study Team on Firewood" appointed by Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in this regard during the past three year, years-wise ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) :** (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The report of the Fuelwood Study Committee, released by the Planning Commission in March, 1982 had recommended stepping up the annual fuelwood plantation programme upto 1.5 million hectares per year during the next 10 years to meet the projected fuelwood needs, by developing fuelwood farming as a major agro-forestry farming system.

(c) Afforestation under the 20 Point Programme includes a major component of fuelwood trees. The details of achievements during the last 3 years i.e. 1983-84 to 1985-86 (including the distribution of seedlings under the Farm Forestry Component) are as follows :-

| Year    | Total afforestation |                            | Farm Forestry                          |                                 |
|---------|---------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
|         | Seedlings in lakhs. | *Equivalent in million ha. | No. of seedlings distributed in lakhs. | *Equivalent area in million ha. |
| 1983-84 | 24177               | 1.21                       | 11866                                  | 0.59                            |
| 1984-85 | 26366               | 1.32                       | 12757                                  | 0.64                            |
| 1985-86 | 30201               | 1.51                       | 13913                                  | 0.69                            |

\* 2000 seedlings is nationally taken as equivalent to one hectare.

**Collection of Empty Shell of Bombs From Areas near Military Firing Ranges.**

4080. **SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL :** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to stated :

(a) the system followed in regard to collection of empty shells of bombs from the areas near to military firing ranges;

(b) whether any incidents of collection of shells by children have come to light several times;

(c) the number of accidents resulting therefrom which came to the notice during

the last three years and action taken by Government so far in this matter; and

(d) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) :** (a) to (d). During practice firing, shells explode in the target area breaking up into small metal fragments which are scattered over a very large area. Its collection by the Army is not considered to be cost effective. However, as far as possible, unexploded shells and grenades are identified and detonated.

There have been incidents of children entering to the firing range area for collec-