

investment in different States during 1986-87 are not available.

(b) The estimates of per capita income in the States during the next year are not prepared.

Depletion of Forests in Rayalaseema

2378. SHRIMATI N.P. JHANSI LAKSHMI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of Paper Mills are depleting forests in drought affected areas of Rayalaseema in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether Union Government propose to send a study team to assess the situation arising from depletion of forests in Rayalaseema area ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) :

(a) Details of such cases, if any, will be collected and placed on the table of the House.

(b) No, sir.

Supply of Gas Turbines for Basin Bridge Power Station

2379. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Tamil Nadu Government have submitted a proposal for installation of four gas turbines of 30 m.w. each to replace the worn out coal-based machinery in Basin Bridge Power Station, Madras;

(b) whether the proposal has been cleared; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The project is based on use of liquid petroleum fuels. Confirmation of availa-

bility of fuel oil to the project by Department of Petroleum and Natural Gas is still awaited.

Plantation of Soft Wood Trees under Social Forestry Scheme

2380. DR. K.G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons why soft wood trees are not being planted under the social forestry in many States; and

(b) what are the reasons for not planting fruit bearing trees like Jack, Mango etc. and also hard wood timber variety under the social forestry scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) :

(a) and (b). Difficulties in raising and protection, coupled with relatively low financial yields in the past have been the reasons for reluctance to planting softwoods, fruit and hardwood tree seedlings under social forestry in the past. This position has since improved and efforts are continuing to improve it further.

Social Forestry Scheme in Andhra Pradesh

2381. SHRI M. REGHUMA REDDY : SHRI T. BALA GOUD :

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

(a) whether any social forestry scheme for Andhra Pradesh has been prepared;

(b) the targets of social forestry; and

(c) the achievements of social forestry during the last two years in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) :

(a) There are a number of State Sector and Centrally sponsored Social Forestry Schemes being implemented in Andhra Pradesh utilising funds earmarked for Social Forestry under poverty alleviation programmes. There is also an externally-

aided Social Forestry Project for Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c). Details are given in the Statement given below.

Statement

| Item | Year | For the country | | Andhra Pradesh | |
|--|---------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| | | Target | Achievement | Target | Achievement |
| Twenty Point Programme (point 12-A) | | | | | |
| (i) Total afforestation No. of seedlings planted in crores | 1984-85 | 250.97 | 263.65 | 18.50 | 19.21 |
| | 1985-86 | 281.00 | 302.00 | 26.00 | 31.56 |
| (ii) Social Forestry plantations in ha. | 1984-85 | 450000 | 467000 | 37000 | 27,909 |
| | 1985-86 | 520000 | 527737 | 30000 | 19,271 |
| (iii) No. of seedlings distributed in crores | 1984-85 | 120.00 | 127.57 | 9.00 | 13.51 |
| | 1985-86 | 126.00 | 139.13 | 12.00 | 11.50 |

[Translation]

Death of Burmese Peacocks in Delhi Zoological Park

2382. SHRI NIRMAL KHATTRI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the Burmese peacocks in National Zoological Park, Delhi have died;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These peacocks were received by the Zoo in January, 1969 and have died over the years due to old age and disease.

(c) Measures to control disease include isolation of affected birds, prophylactic measures and fortifying the feed with vitamins and anti biotics. Consultations are also done

with Doctors from the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izzatnagar.

[English]

Opening of Branches of Nationalised Banks at Azamgarh

2383. SHRI RAM DHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether branches of Nationalised Banks have not been opened in Laiganj Tehsil of Azamgarh District, U.P. although a large number of places fully qualify for the purpose; and

(b) the number of existing branches and the reasons for not opening more branches ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.