

[English]

S.S. Bhatnagar Award for C.S.I.R. Scientists

2415. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of scientists of CSIR winning the S.S. Bhatnagar award for research in Science has shrunk steeply as compared to the number of the CSIR awardees in 1962;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of Scientists who quit CSIR to go abroad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) No, Sir. In 1962, the number of CSIR Scientists awarded the S.S. Bhatnagar Award was 2 whereas in 1984, 1985 and 1986 the number was 2, 3 and 1 respectively.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) This number is difficult to ascertain. However, as per information available with CSIR laboratories the number of CSIR scientists who either resigned or voluntarily retired and are now abroad is 167.

Plantation of Trees Along Railway Track

2416. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL :
SHRI AMARSINH RATHAWA :
DR. K.G. ADIYODI :

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

(a) the total area along the railway track where trees have been planted so far;

(b) the targets fixed for the Seventh Plan; and

(c) whether these targets are likely to be achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) : (a) The total area planted along railway track including yards and colonies is 24,000 ha.

(b) No. specific targets of plantation along railway track have been fixed for the Seventh Plan period.

(c) Does not arise.

Loss of Crop due to Elephant Menace

2417. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the total estimated loss of crops due to the elephant menace in areas surrounding the Bannerghatta National Park in Karnataka; and

(b) what steps are being taken to tackle this problem of elephant menace ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) : (a) Compensation reported to be paid by State Government of Karnataka for loss of crops due to elephant menace around the Bannerghatta National Park, is as under :

1985-86	— Rs 93,245.00
1986-87 (upto 28 2 87)	— Rs 26,800 (0

(b) Steps taken to tackle the elephant menace including digging of elephant proof trenches, engagement of ten watchers to scare away the wild elephants and the use of electric fencing along the more vulnerable points to prevent the elephants from going into croplands.

Smuggling of Narcotics from U.P.

2418. SHRI MOHD. MAHAFOOZ ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that there is large scale increase in the smuggling of heroin and morphine from Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh and Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh to Europe and