

erstwhile Sind, Shah Abdul Latif was organised by "Marjee" in Delhi;

(b) whether a large number of delegates from Sind (Pakistan) attended;

(c) whether Government propose to encourage and assist organisations like Marjee to undertake similar cultural activities; and

(d) whether TV/AIR will be advised to pay increased attention to Sindhi Language in order to foster the hands with neighbouring countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) MARUEE, New Delhi has intimated that 23 delegates from Pakistan attended.

(c) A scheme is being administered by Government of India for providing financial assistance to registered voluntary organisations for organising celebration of centenaries/anniversaries of eminent personalities. Each request for financial assistance is examined on merits.

(d) Information is being collected and will be placed before the House.

Control of Trypanosomiasis

5187. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Trypanosomiasis is likely to be controlled due to invention by an African Scientists and if so, the details of the new developments as alternate to pesticides; and

(b) whether any similar R & D work is in hand in the country to overcome diseases transmitted by various insects and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) According to the reports appearing in the press, the fly trap developed by Prof. Odhiambic lures tsetse flies of both sexes with a refined constituent of buffalo urine. Slow release of the substance assures continuous supply over a long time. In addition, a tape recording of the contended sounds made by happy tsetse flies attract the insects. Once trapped, they are exposed to viruses that specifically attack these flies. The viral infection renders the flies sterile thereby exerting a check on their propagation.

(b) No similar R & D work has yet been taken up in hand in the country.

Modernisation of Hindustan Copper Plant

5188. SHRIMATI MANORAMA SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount proposed to be incurred on the process of modernisation of Hindustan Copper Plant at Ghatsila in Bihar

(b) what has been the percentage of utilisation of plan funds so far; and

(c) whether the utilisation of funds is satisfactory, if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) to (c). An amount of Rs. 50.85 crores has been sanctioned for the debottlenecking and modernisation schemes of Indian Copper Complex (ICC) at Ghatsila and Khetri Copper Complex (KCC) at Khetri of Hindustan Copper Limited. Out of this a sum of Rs. 29.65 crores is for work to be undertaken at the ICC, Ghatsila, Bihar.

During the period 1985-88, Rs. 17.89 crores was sanctioned by Govt. for all these schemes. Of this, the total expenditure upto 31.3.88 is expected to be Rs. 13.54 crores. Out of Rs. 13.54 crores, a sum of Rs. 6.55 crores is to be spent at I.C.C. which would amount to 48%. The progress

of utilisation of plan funds has been, by and large, satisfactory.

steps to afforest the catchment areas and thereby promoting soil conservation; and

Afforestation of Catchment Areas

5189. SHRI BHADRESWAR TANTI :
SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE
PATIL:
DR. V. VENKATESH :

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

(a) whether Government have taken

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government has a scheme of development of catchment areas. The details of achievements Under Specified Catchment Schemes are given in the Statement below.

STATEMENT

Details of achievements under scheme implemented in specified catchments.

S.No.	Name of Department	Name of the Scheme	Period	Central Assistance Released/Spent (Rs. in crores)	Area treated (in lakh ha).
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	NWDB	Soil, Water & Tree Conservation in the Himalayas (50% grant & 50% loan)	Sixth Plan (1980-85) 1985-86 1986-87	26.42 11.78 10.78	1.10 0.36 0.38
2.	Department of Agriculture	Soil Conservation in the catchments of River vally Projects (50% grant & 50% loan).	1985-86 1986-87	23.79 23.50	1.05 0.95*
3.	Department of Agriculture	Integrated Watershed Management in the catchment of Flood Prone Rivers (50% grant & 50% loan)	1985-86 1986-87	12.77 11.48	0.53 0.38*

*Reported so far

Committee for Development and Maintenance of Inland Waterways

SHRI H.N. NANJE GOWDA:

5190. SHRI S.M. GURADDI :
SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state: