

the growing discontentment in the faculty of all the five Indian Institutes of Technology over the inordinate delay in announcing revised pay scales for faculty teachers of IITs;

(b) whether IIT teachers went on mass casual leave recently to protest against the delay in announcing the revised pay scales for them; and

(c) if so, the main demands of their federation and the steps being taken to meet their demands with a view to remove discontentment among IIT teachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) to (c). Faculty members of some of the Indian Institutes of Technical reportedly went on Casual Leave on 8th February, 1988 to press their demand for early announcement of revised pay scales. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has recently considered the report of the Dogra Committee appointed by it to go into the question of revision of pay scales for teachers of technical institutions including IITs. The recommendations of the AICTE are under consideration of the Government.

Environmental Clearance of Telugu Ganga Project

458. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) The details of the decision taken by Union Government on the request of Andhra Pradesh Government for the environmental clearance of Telugu Ganga Project; and

(b) the date by which the clearance will be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). The Matter is now under consideration. It is not possible to give an exact date by which the clearance will be given.

Call of Planning Commission for Family Planning Programme

459. DR. DATTA SAMANT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state whether the Planning commission has called for urgent steps to introduce various measures for family planning programme in view of the birth rate being 2.1 per cent approximately in the last two years and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): There is a constant interaction between Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and various agencies including the Planning Commission about the strategy to be followed for effective functioning of the Family Welfare Programme including measures necessary to bring down the growth rate of population. The Family Welfare strategy is modified from time to time to incorporate necessary measures.

Voluntary Organisations for Implementing various Programmes under Literacy Mission

460. SHRI G. S. BASAVARAJU: SHRI S.M. GURADDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether about one thousand voluntary organisations have decided to involve themselves in various programmes to be launched by Literacy Mission;