

Action Plan for cleaning up the river Ganga is now under implementation.

- ii) Of the 4054 water polluting industries identified, 2076 have set up effluent treatment plants.
- iii) 1748 prosecutions have been launched under the water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974., out of which action has been taken as per Court's order/against 369 units.

(c) Under the Ganga Action Plan, upto 31.1.88 Rs. 54.76 crores have been spent. In addition, during 1984 to 1987, Rs. 137.73 lakhs were spent under the Central Board's programme for water quality monitoring, river-basin studies and setting of standards.

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#### **Afforestation Programme**

518. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made upto the end of December, 1987 in the achievement of the annual target fixed for 1987-88 for afforestation of wastelands; and

(b) if the achievement has not been made according to the target, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R.ANSARI):(a) and (b). The total target for afforestation programme for the year 1987-88 was fixed as 380.7 crores saplings, equivalent to 1.903 million hectare. The progress made upto end of December, 1987 was 304.5 crore saplings equivalent to 1.522 million hectares against the target of

345.9 crore saplings (1.729 ha.) for the period ending December 1987. The progress was slow in some of the drought effected States viz. Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana.

#### **Freight Target During 1987-88**

519. SHRI YASHWANTRAO GADAKH PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the freight traffic of the railways during the period from April to December, 1987 as compared to the target;

(b) whether the target for the financial year 1987-88 is expected to be achieved; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):(a) 210.13 million tonnes of freight traffic was lifted during the period from April to December, 1987 as compared to target of 209.20 million tonnes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Fire Incident at Tatanagar Railway Station**

520. SHRI MOHD. MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 7 petrol tankers were destroyed in a devastating fire which broke out at the Tatanagar Railway Station recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the inquiry made by Government in this regard?

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