

**Difficulties Faced by States Under
"Operation Black-Board"**

4852. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL :
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether difficulties are being faced
in implementing the scheme "Operation
Black-board" by the States ;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions
sent by the States to Government about the
difficulties being faced by them ; and

(c) whether Government propose to
consider these suggestions and if so by what
time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND
CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HU-
MAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI
L.P. SHAH) : (a) to (c) The scheme of
Operation Blackboard was discussed with
State Governments in conferences of State
Secretaries/Directors of Education before
it was finalised. All State Governments
and 3 UTs accepted the implementation of
the scheme and sanctioned the first phase in
1987-88 through their respective State
Level Empowered Committees. Initially
some State Governments expressed
difficulties about finding resources for
construction of classrooms/school buildings
required under the scheme. The use of
NREP/RLEGP funds for this purpose is
being encouraged as far as possible, as well
as the use of all other available resources.
All the State Governments were able to
identify the necessary resources for
construction and have made the necessary
commitments regarding school buildings.

**Setting up of Regional Fruits
Research Centers**

4853. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH :
SHRI K.N. PRADHAN :
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Regional Fruit
Research Centres proposed to be set up by
the Indian Horticulture Research Council,
Bangalore during the Seventh Five Year
Plan period ;

(b) whether a proposal to set up such
a centre in Madhya Pradesh has been
pending since 1981 ; and

(c) whether any such centre will be
set up during the Seventh Five Year Plan
period and if so, the time by which it is
likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL
RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI
HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI) : (a) Sir,
One Regional Station of the Indian
Institute of Horticulture Research is
proposed to be set up during the Seventh
Plan period in Nilgiri hills.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

Planting of Trees

4854. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH :
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state :

(a) whether small farmers deficient in
resources are not coming forward in the
field of planting trees inspite of the offer
of assistance to them since their land
holdings are small ; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose
to exclude gardens from the purview of
ceiling on land holdings so as to encourage
affluent farmers to invest their resources in
this programme and thus promote tree
plantation with the help of resources at the
disposal of farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOP-
MENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRI-
CULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY) : (a) No specific instances of
this type have come to notice from which
such a conclusion can be drawn.

(b) No, Sir,

**Loan By Cooperative and Commercial
Banks to Farmers For Planting
Fruit Garden at Lower Rates**

4855. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH :
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state :