

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Scheme to study Tribal Art

1225. SHRI P.A. ANTONY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to give financial assistance for the scheme to study tribal art forms and culture in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the amount likely to be given ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) There is no specific proposal to give financial assistance for the scheme to study tribal art forms and culture in Kerala. However, there are schemes operated by the Government of India in the Department of Culture, Sangeet Natak Akademi and Lalit Kala Akademi for the promotion and dissemination of Tribal and Folk Art and Culture, which inter-alia envisage financial assistance for studies and projects of Research Survey and documentation on tribal Arts and Culture. These schemes are being operated on all India basis.

(b) Does not arise.

Decrease in Forest cover in Kerala

1226. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any estimate has been made of the loss of forest cover in Kerala during the last three years and;

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) and (c). A study conducted by the National Remote Sensing Agency using satellite imagery

has estimated the loss of natural forest cover in Kerala between the year 1983-84 to 1985-86 as 86.74 sq. kms.

Industries Polluting Yamuna River

1227. SHRI H.G. RAMULU : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have identified the industries polluting the river Yamuna;

(b) if so, the details of these industries; and

(c) the action taken by Government against these industries ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) :

(a) and (b). Will no expert study has so far been undertaken to identify all the industries polluting the river Yamuna, about 150 industries in the States of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh and in the Union Territory of Delhi are known to be polluting the river. These include chemical, paper, food products, pharmaceuticals, textiles, general engineering industries, etc.

(c) The action taken by Government includes the following :

(i) Industries have been directed to instal effluent treatment plants to meet the standards prescribed for effluent discharge.

(ii) Prosecutions have been launched against major defaulting industries.

Mother Dairy Vegetable Booths in Noida

1228. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Mother Dairy has set up vegetable sales booths in NOIDA for sale of vegetables to public at cheaper rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof;