

Sector in matters of acquisition of vessels, technical know-how and training. No formal agreement had been signed.

Encroachment on Forest Land on Hill Stations

2451. PROF. MADHU DANDA-VATE :
DR. D.N. REDDY :

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

(a) whether there is an increasing encroachment on the forest lands and other green spots at various hill stations in the country ;

(b) whether as a result of such encroachments the environment at these hill stations is fast changing which in turn leads to adverse climatic changes ; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to prevent the encroachments ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Additional amount sought for by Nhava Sheva Port Trust

2452. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL :
SHRI S.M. GURADDI :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Nhava Sheva Port Trust has sought an additional amount of Rs. 75 crores from Bombay Port Trust and Rs. 50 crores from Kandla Port Trust ; and

(b) if so, whether the amount asked for has been provided ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Annual Plan outlay for 1988-89 provides for loans of Rs. 75 crores from Bombay Port Trust and Rs. 50 crores from Kandla Port Trust to Nhava Sheva Port Trust.

(b) No, Sir.

Spread of Green Revolution

2453. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any new steps have been suggested by the farm experts to facilitate the spread of green revolution to new areas ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether any time bound programme has been drawn up to implement those steps ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) and (b). Suggestions are made from time to time for spreading the green revolution to new areas.

(c) Government attaches the highest importance to agricultural production. Special Thrust Programmes for increasing the production of foodgrains and oilseeds have already been introduced in the potential areas.

Afforestation Programme

2454. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided that at least 70 per cent of the afforestation work should be done in the forest sector so that requirements for both fuelwood and raw material for industry can be met ;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to seek the help of local institutions like Panchayats and financial institutions to support the efforts of individuals in raising farm forestry ; and

(c) the present demand for fuelwood in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) About 70% of the allocations for the Forest Sector is generally utilised for afforestation purposes, for meeting the fuelwood and fodder requirement as also the raw material requirement of industries.