

**Diplomas Issued by Institute of Public Health and Hygiene**

3718. DR. MANOJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the diplomas issued by the Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, New Delhi have been recognised by any State for the purpose of employment in Government and private sector;

(b) whether persons having diplomas recognised by one State Government are eligible for registration by the Employment exchanges in other States also; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the refusal by Employment Exchanges in some States to register the names of the diploma holders of the Institute of Public Health and Hygiene?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) The Institute has brought to the notice of the Government that the States of Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur and Sikkim have recognised/approved/recommended their diplomas.

(b) and (c). All the citizens of India resident in the country are eligible for registration at the Employment Exchanges at the place where they normally reside according to their qualifications and experience for employment assistance. The qualifications as are recognised either by the Central Government or by respective State governments are considered by Employment Exchanges for registration and employment assistance. ✓

[Translation]

**Backlog of Vacancies of SC/ST Employees in DDA**

3719. SHRI R.P. SUMAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be

pleased to state:

(a) the post-wise and category-wise backlog of vacancies of officers and employees belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in the Delhi Development Authority during each of the last three years and the main reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to take effective steps to fill up the backlog, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Plantation of Oak Trees at Mount Abu**

3720. SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that saplings of eucalyptus tree had been planted in abundance at Mount Abu, Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether after the plantation of these trees, there has been a marked decline in the number of wild animals and increase in environmental pollution;

(c) whether Government are aware that in Spain where desert had spread due to plantation of eucalyptus trees, these trees were replaced by the oak trees, if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter;

(d) whether Government also propose to plant traditional trees like Karonda, cherry, mango, date etc. instead of eucalyptus; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI):** (a) Plantation of Euclyptus has been done in addition to other species.

(b) There is no scientific evidence to establish that increase in environmental pollution or decrease in wild animals is the result of planting of Eucalyptus trees.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. Oak trees do not grow naturally at Mount Abu. The State Forest Department is planting indigenous species like Mango, Karonda, Jamun, etc.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

**Assistance for Small and Medium Towns of Karnataka**

3721. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA

**NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR:**

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have included some towns in Karnataka under the scheme for Integrated Development of small and Medium Towns for their development during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds provided so far, town-wise?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The details in respect of 7th Plan towns are given below:

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Central Assistance Released (Rs. in lakhs)</i>
1.	Chikabalapur	23.00
2.	Ramanagaram	2.00
3.	Sirsi	15.00
4.	Harihar	4.00
5.	Sindhnoor	12.00
6.	Kollegal	14.00
7.	Gokak	7.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>77.00</b>