

entists and employees of the said Central Research Institute; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to reconsider the decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c). A proposal to convert the Central Research Institute, Kasauli and B.C.G. Vaccine Laboratory, Guindy as Registered Societies was under consideration. However, because of resentment from the employees of C.R.I., Kasauli, the proposal is not being pursued.

Centres under wasteland Development Board in U.P.

5802. SHRI KAILASH YADAV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of centres set up by the Wasteland Development Board for development of the wasteland in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the total area of land developed by the Wasteland Development Board in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) No centres have been set-up in Uttar Pradesh by the National Wastelands Development Board. Work is carried out through State Government Departments and interested voluntary organisations.

(b) The Wastelands Development Programme has hitherto focussed on afforestation and tree planting activities and under this programme the total coverage in Uttar Pradesh during the Seventh Plan period is as given below:

Year	Coverage (In Lakh hectares)
1985-86	1.77
1986-87	2.43
1987-88	2.21
1988-89	2.65 (upto December 1988)

Shopping Centres in Cooperative Group Housing Societies, Pitampura

5803. SHRI ABDUL HAMID: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Co-operative Group Housing Societies have completed the construction of their flats on the land allotted by the D.D.A. in Pocket IV, Pitampura (Opposite Mangolpuri, outer ring road);

(b) if so, the steps taken or contemplated for setting up shopping centres in this area;

(c) whether provision for setting up milk booth, bank and post-office, etc. has also been made; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Only some of the Societies have completed the construction.

(b) 26 convenient shopping centres and local shopping centres are proposed to be constructed in this area. Work on 221 convenient shopping centres and local shopping centres is already in various stages of progress.