

and trials over a period of two years between 82-84 conducted jointly by Metro Railway and ECIL.

(d) ECIL's equipments are always subjected to thorough and rigorous tests at ECIL's works before they are marketed.

Grazing in Himalayas

4495. SHRIMATI D. K. BHANDARI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is intense grazing in the Himalayas which spreads over 12 States and covers a total land area of 61.5 million hectare and if so, statewise details thereof;

(b) how much of this area is over-grazed and how much optimum;

(c) the number of animals supported by land in this area including yaks; and

(d) whether studies have been carried out on the carrying capacity of forests and grasslands in Himalayas and if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) to (d). It is a fact that most of the accessible pasture areas in Himalayas are overgrazed. However no systematic studies have been made for assessing the intensity of grazing and ascertaining the carrying capacity of Himalayan forests and grasslands. The total number of livestock in the 12 States and Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura, Meghalaya and Mizoram is 94,011,000 according to the 1977 census.

Forest Fires

4496. SHRI P. R. KUMARA-MANGALAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) whether fires are a major hazard for forests and if so, number of forest fires, area burnt and losses suffered during the Sixth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) how the present situation is proposed to be tackled during the Seventh Five Year Plan and projections thereunder ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS. (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes Sir. Information regarding number of forests fires, area burnt and losses suffered during the Sixth Five Year Plan is being collected and will be placed on the table of the Sabha.

(b) There are State sector schemes for protection of forests which include measures for protection from fire. A Central Sector pilot project has been launched since April 1984, in the States of Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh to devise test and demonstrate principles and techniques of prevention, detection and suppression of forest fires. The experience gained from the project will be made available to other States for guidance and use.

Water borne sanitary system at Kanpur

4497. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2390 on 4 December, 1985 regarding tenders for water borne sanitary system at Kanpur and state :

(a) how many tenders were received in this regard;

(b) whether any State Government agencies; amongst others, tendered for the same;

(c) if so, the details of each such bidders;

(d) further action proposed to be taken to get the matter finalised both at Command level and Government level to ensure expeditious decision; and

(e) the percentage of water borne sanitary system available in the entire Cantonment area presently along with percentage of insufficiency of water supply ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE