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24.	Arunachal Pradesh	511.87
25.	Chandigarh	12.90
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	99.98
27.	Delhi	108.00
28.	Goa, Daman and Diu	86.80
29.	Lakshadweep	0.54
30.	Mizoram	1537.50
31.	Pondicherry	25.42

[Translation]

**Carrying Night Soil on Head**

1487. SHRI D.P. YADAVA :  
SHRI R.S. KHIRHAR :  
SHRI P.R. KUMARAMAN-  
GALAM :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cities where the practice of carrying night-soil on the head is in vogue;

(b) the time by which Government expect to do away with this sub-human practice;

(c) the details of the scheme formulated by Government in this regard; and

(d) the details of the scheme to give alternative jobs to the persons rendered jobless after the abolition of this vocation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) No such information is available in the Ministry of Welfare.

(b) No time limit can be specified to do away with this practice as it depends upon the availability of resources.

(c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Liberation of Scavengers programme of the Ministry of Welfare,

grant-in-aid is provided for converting dry latrines into sanitary ones in selective towns on 'Whole Town Approach' basis. 'Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns' programme under the Ministry of Urban Development is also providing low-cost sanitation. This is in addition to similar schemes taken up by some of the State Governments in their State Plans.

(d) The State Governments are expected to provide alternative employment to the unemployed scavengers who are rendered unemployed on account of conversion of dry latrines. Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plans have been placed at the disposal of the State Governments for providing necessary training and employment.

[English]

**Marine Park in Maharashtra**

1488. PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal about the project of "Marine Park" at Malvan in the Shindhudurg district of the backward Konkan region of Maharashtra has been under examination;

(b) if so, the progress of this examination;

(c) whether Malvan is found suitable for such a project;