

development Board to identify critical ecosystem and prepare blueprints of projects for ecological preservation and restoration in hilly areas ;

(b) whether a similar Eco-development Board is proposed to be set up for the preservation of air from pollution in the factories, industries and mining areas ;

(c) if so, whether the proposed Eco-development board will be set up in various states; and

(d) the details about the implementation of the above proposal in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT (SHRI C.P.N. SINGH) :

(a) Yes. Sir, A National Eco-development Board has been constituted recently.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Merger of Koraput development Authority and Dandakaranya Project

2415. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to form Koraput Development Authority and merger the Dandakaranya Project in the former project as has been done in case of Baster (Madhya Pradesh) ;

(b) whether the State Government of Orissa has approached the Union Government in this regard ; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Central Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) :
(a) and (b) : No, Sir.

The Planning Commission has not received any intimation from the Orissa Government about the setting up of Koraput Development Authority by them, nor is there any proposal for the merger of Dandakaranya Project with that Authority. No such merger of Madhya Pradesh portion of the Dandakaranya Project with Baster Development Authority has been done.

(c) Does not arise.

Shortage of Paper

2416. SHRI MOHAN BHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a great shortage of paper due to which there is a great scarcity of notebooks for students throughout the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to ease the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARNJIT CHANANA) : (a) and (b) . There is no shortage of paper in the country at present. Apart from higher production by the paper mills, Government are also importing paper to meet the requirements of consumers.

Pulling out of Jaguar Deal

2417. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to pull out of a \$300 million deal to build the British Jaguar strike aircraft;