

1	2	3	4	5
14.	Tamil Nadu	9	—	1.59
15.	Tripura	3	—	3.44
16.	Uttar Pradesh	1	1	0.24
17.	West Bengal	12	—	9.83
18.	A & N Islands	1	—	0.18
19.	Goa, Daman & Diu	1	—	0.07
Grand Total		181	236	267.12

In addition to the above, special programmes are also undertaken for 71 Primitive Tribes in the country.

Statement II

Allocation of Special Central Assistance to States/UTs

Year/Period	Allocation (Rs. in crores)	
5th Five Year Plan	(1974-79)	190
	(1979-80)	70
6th Five Year Plan	(1980-85)	470
	(1980-81)	70
	(1981-82)	85
	(1982-83)	95
	(1983-84)	110

Decay to Himalayas due to Denudation and Commercial Exploitation of Forests

418. DR. PRATAP WAGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether denudation and commercial exploitation of forests have caused decay to the Himalayas; and

(b) the steps proposed to preserve the immense beauty of the Himalayas ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH) : (a) and (b) Denudation of forests is one of the important

causes of environmental degradation in the Himalayan region. Eco-Task Forces of ex-servicemen have been deployed in some ecologically degraded regions of Shivaliks in Uttar Pradesh for undertaking measures for ecological restoration. The Government is also actively considering creation of biosphere reserves to preserve the environmental conditions in the hilly regions including the Himalayas. An Institute of Himalayas Environment and Development is being set up to evolve integrated management strategies for conservation of natural resources for sustained development of the Himalayan regions. Ecodevelopment Camps have also been organised to restore some degraded sites.