

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b): No, Sir. The remains of the ancient University at Nalanda are in a fairly good state of preservation.

(c) The guiding factor for release of funds to any centrally protected monuments under the Archaeological Survey of India, such as the site at Nalanda, is its actual requirement for conservation works.

(d) The expenditure on the maintenance and conservation of the site at Nalanda during the last three years is as below:

1995-96	Rs. 4,40,500
1996-97	Rs. 16,86,500
1997-98	Rs. 6,67,700

Maintenance Centre for HPTs/LPTs in Assam

4712. SHRI A.F. GOLAM OSMANI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up maintenance centre for HPTs and LPTs in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) whether proposals have been received for setting up this centre at Barbeta in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) and (b): The High Power TV transmitters (HPTs) are maintained independently by the concerned Head of Offices. One Divisional Maintenance Centre (DMC) at Silchar, in addition to the existing four DMCs, one each at Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Guwahati and Tezpur, is being set up for maintenance of LPTs/VLPTs in the State and would be made operational on deployment of requisite staff.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Adult Literacy Campaign

4713. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for the total adult literacy campaign in the rural areas in Uttar Pradesh during the last two years and upto May, 1998;

(b) whether the government are aware that the people in the most of the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh are still illiterate;

(c) if so, the details of the major achievements made under various literacy schemes launched in the rural areas;

(d) whether the Lok Jumbish Project is proposed to be implemented in Uttar Pradesh;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) An allocation of Rs. 1400 crores for 8th Plan and Rs. 93.97 crores for 1998-99 has been made for all literacy programmes. No State-wise allocations are made and funds are released on the basis of requirements of the State Government and the proposals for Total Literacy Campaigns and Post Literacy Campaigns received from various districts. Grant released from NLM under TLC/PLC to Uttar Pradesh in as follows:

1996-97	—	Rs. 4,21,38,000
1997-98	—	Rs. 2,27,80,000
April-May, 1998	—	Rs. 80,00,000

(b) The total number of illiterates in age-group of 7+ in Uttar Pradesh is 64.77 million (Male 26.30 m and Female 38.47 m). In rural areas there are 55.98 million illiterates out of which 33.35 m are female and 22.63 m are male. (As per 1991 census).

(c) All 68 districts of Uttar Pradesh including rural areas have been covered by Total Literacy Campaigns (TLC) whereas 11 districts have also launched their Post Literacy Campaigns (PLC). While TLC provides the basic functional literacy to an illiterate learner, PLC is intended to consolidate the fragile skill of the neo-learning to actual life situations.

The TLC in Uttar Pradesh had a target of 190.78 lakh learners identified through actual field survey. Out of this, 130.98 lakh learners were enrolled in various TLC

and the number of learners completing Primer-I, II and III are as follows:

Primer	No. of learners completed
I	9903619
II	6413454
III	4796100

(d) to (f): The Lok Jumbish Project is an innovative State Specific Project being implemented in Rajasthan with assistance from Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA) with cost sharing in the ratio of 3:2:1 by SIDA, Government of India and Government of Rajasthan. There is no proposal to implement this project in Uttar Pradesh.

[English]

Forestry Development in Uttar Pradesh

4714. DR. RAM VILAS VEDANTI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the financial grants provided to the Uttar Pradesh for forestry development during the last three years, project-wise;

(b) whether the utilisation of grants has been found to be satisfactory;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the action proposed by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI) : (a) to (d): The Central assistance released to the Government of Uttar Pradesh under the major schemes of afforestation of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, in which grants are given to the State Governments, in the period 1995-96 to 1997-98 is as follows:

Name of the Scheme	Central Assistance Released (Rs. in lakhs)		
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme	437.31	1049.66	185.42
Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Projects Scheme	340.78	360.47	212.44
Conservation and Development of Non-Timber Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants	Nil	Nil	53.00

The evaluations done so far of the projects of the Eighth Plan Period have found the utilisation of grants to be satisfactory.

Performance of NTPC

4715. SHRI NARESH PUGLIA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of NTPC for 1997-98 as per standard norms in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of action plan finalised for 1998-99 for NTPC;

(d) the details of total losses incurred by each of the power plant run by NTPC during the last three years, plan-wise and year-wise;

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make good these losses;

(f) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has also incurred a loss of Rs. 220 crore during the last one year due to malfunctioning boiler of the tubes in its power plants as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated June 29, 1998;

(g) if so, whether any accountability in this regard has been fixed;

(h) if so, the details thereof; and

(i) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) and (b): The performance of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) based on