

1	2	3	4
3.	Assam	14	92
4.	Bihar	1	26
5.	Chandigarh	—	—
6.	Delhi	—	—
7.	Goa	4	90
8.	Gujarat	5	86
9.	Haryana	—	—
10.	Himachal Pradesh	8	400
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	—	—
12.	Karnataka	Repairs are carried out as and when necessary.	
13.	Kerala	1	—Repair work is still to be taken up.
14.	Madhya Pradesh	8	48
15.	Maharashtra	2	45
16.	Manipur	1	4
17.	Meghalaya	1	500
18.	Nagaland	—	—
19.	Orissa	10	500
20.	Pondicherry	Repairs are carried out as and when necessary.	
21.	Punjab	4	60
22.	Rajasthan	1	13
23.	Tamil Nadu	Repairs are carried out as and when necessary.	
24.	Uttar Pradesh	Repairs are carried out as and when necessary.	
25.	West Bengal	1	1800

[*Translation*]

Forest Development in Rajasthan

2865. SHRI RAM NARAIN MEENA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of forest development has been undertaken in the country especially in Rajasthan by sanctioning grants under various schemes;

(b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the scheme-wise sanctioned amount during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government propose to appoint a team to assess the progress made under various schemes; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (d) The major schemes of afforestation under which grants are given to the State Governments are:

1. Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Projects Scheme;
2. Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Projects Scheme;
3. Conservation and Development of Non-Timber Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants; and,
4. Association of Schedule Tribes and Rural Poor in Regeneration of the Degraded Forests on usufruct sharing basis.

The central assistance released to the Government of

Rajasthan under each of the schemes in the period 1995-96 to 1997-1998 is as follows:

Scheme	Central Assistance Released (Rs. in Lakhs)
Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Projects Scheme	938.51
Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Projects Scheme	781.56
Conservation and Development of Non-timber Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in Regeneration of the Degraded Forests on usufruct sharing basis	222.79 5.93

The progress of projects sanctioned under these schemes is evaluated both by the State/Central Governments and by independent agencies appointed for the purpose from time to time.

[*English*]

Noise Pollution

2866. DR. BIZAY SONKAR SHASTRI:

SHRI A.F. GOLAM OSMANI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the level of urban noise acceptable under International Standards and the levels of noise observed in major towns and cities in India;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Supreme Court has sought explanations from the Government on steps taken against noise pollution in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(e) whether the noise pollution increases many times during Diwali festival;

(f) whether the matter was taken to the courts; and

(g) if so, the action taken to ban the high density noise and air polluting fireworks and crackers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI) : (a) The urban noise levels recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO) are as under:

Noise - exposure limits recommended by WHO

	Recommended maximum level
Industrial/Occupational	75 decibels
Community/Urban	
— Day-time	55 decibels
— Night-time	45 decibels
Indoor/Domestic	
— Day-time	45 decibels
— Night-time	35 decibels

The levels of noise observed in major cities and towns in India are depicted in the table given below:

Ambient noise levels in cities [All values expressed in decibels]

Cities	Residential		Commercial		Sensitive		Industrial	
	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Bhopal	60	44	75	57	73	42	68	47
Bangalore	59-75	37-59	68-81	46-64	58-74	—	63-86	42-65
Calcutta	76-86	58-76	70-90	57-78	69-89	65-70	75-82	53-70
Chennai	57-84	45-50	74-80	69-71	46-70	47-50	69-76	63-69
Delhi	53-71	—	63-75	—	62-68	—	65-81	—