

**Indian Council of Forestry Research and
Education, Dehradun**

2943. SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), was established for increasing forest productivity to meet the national needs:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the policy of Council to start new Forest Research Institutes/Centres;

(d) the evaluation result of Forest Research Institute, Dehradun; and

(e) whether Government would constitute a Technical Committee to examine all the issues relating to starting of Institutes in Orissa, Maharashtra and Gujarat State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) The Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education was established to organise, direct and manage research and education in forestry and allied sciences in India. Forest productivity enhancement is one of the primary activities of ICFRE.

(b) The Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) is focusing in a systematic manner on the issue of increasing forest productivity through a comprehensive programme of "Planting Stock improvement". Under this, ICFRE Scientists are coordinating with the State Forest Departments for establishment of Seed Production Areas (SPAs), Clonal Seed Orchards (CSO), Seedling Seed Production Areas (SSPAs), and Vegetative Multiplication Gardens (VMG). In addition to this, five Model Research Nurseries are also being developed in different Institutes of the ICFRE.

(c) To cater the research needs of forestry sector of various eco regions, eleven Institutes/Centres are functioning in the country.

(d) A team of national and international scientists, drawn from various forestry related research disciplines, had evaluated the work of Forest Research Institute in 1997. The review team among other things suggested strengthening of research in natural forest and ecosystem dynamics, management, forest policy, history and forestry related social science.

(e) The research needs of forestry sector, pertaining to State of Orissa and Maharashtra are being catered by Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur and State of Gujarat is being catered by Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur.

Setting up of Separate Educational T.V. Channel

2944. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH :

SHRI ASHOK ARGAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a separate educational television channel; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) A working group has been constituted in the Department of Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development to recommend measures for operationalisation of educational satellite TV Channel. Prasar Bharati has also set up a sub-committee for the purpose. Further action will be taken on receipt of reports of the Committee/Working Group. No time frame can, however, be fixed for the purpose at this stage.

Dismantling and Restructuring of Temples

2945. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has been entrusted with the task of dismantling and restructuring of certain historically important temples which are in a dilapidated condition and cannot be repaired; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Dismantling and reconstruction of the monuments including temples are taken up only when other means of repair is not applicable.

(b) The Archaeological Survey of India, in the past, has undertaken dismantling and resetting of a number of protected monuments, which were either in most dilapidated condition, beyond repairs, or were threatened by the construction of dams, etc. as per statement attached.

Statement

Name of the State	Name of the temples
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1. Gujarat	1. Gokeshwar Mahadev Temple Lowrali
	2. Nav Lakha Temple, Sejakpur
	3. Veni Madhav Temple Dwarka
2. Karnataka	1. Kalyan Mandapa of Ananth Sayana Temple-Ananth Sayana Gudi