

1	2	3
23.	Kota	14
24.	Nagaur	31
25.	Pali	54
26.	Rajsamand	24
27.	Sawaimadhopur	14
28.	Sikar	35
29.	Sirohi	13
30.	Sriganganagar	40
31.	Tonk	14
32.	Udaipur	25
Total		627

The following three exchanges are proposed to be modernised during 1998-99:

Sl. No.	District	Name of Exchange
1.	Ajmer	Ajmer
2.	Baran	Baran
3.	Chittorgarh	Chittorgarh

Increase in the Temperature

3685. SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the high increase of temperature this year;

(b) whether this spell of heat is likely to continue in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Normally western disturbance activity continues upto middle of June causing duststorm/thunderstorm activity in the parts of northwest India which in turn brings temperature down to its normal value. From the middle of May this year, there was a complete absence of Western Disturbance activity over northwest India. In the absence of any weather disturbance, with continuous clear sky conditions, the temperature started rising by middle of May and continued rising till end of May. Abnormally high temperatures persisted in some part of the country even in the first week of June causing prolonged Heat Wave Conditions.

(b) and (c) With the setting of easterly wind flow over most parts of the north India in association with monsoon current, the heat wave episode of May-June 1998 abated from all

parts of the country by the second week of June this year. Heat waves are not commonly experienced during the monsoon season.

Foreign Assistance for Environment Projects in U.P.

[Translation]

3686. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals seeking foreign assistance sent to Union Government by Uttar Pradesh in regard to environment reform and forest development during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the number of proposals out of these accorded approval till date; and

(c) the position in regard to the rest of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (c) The details of the proposals seeking foreign assistance by Government of Uttar Pradesh in regard to environment reform and forest development during the Eighth Five Year Plan and approved by Union Government are as follows:

1. Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP)

Under the World Bank Assisted, Industrial Pollution Control Project, 2 Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP) have been completed and commissioned with an assistance of Rs. 95.75 lakhs.

2. Uttar Pradesh Forestry Project

The project has been launched during 1997-98. The project has been declared effective from 19th March, 1998. The main aims of the project are to ensure environmental stability and maintain ecological balance, conserve the national biological heritage, increase substantially the forest and tree cover in forest and farm lands, increase productivity of forest, involve people in the management of forests and trees and to improve the management process followed by the department through improved human resource development packages. The total cost of the project is Rs. 272 crores for covering entire state during the 4 year period. About an areas of 1,60,000 ha. will be covered under the project.

3. Ganga Action Plan (GAP) Support Project for Kanpur (GAP-Phase-II)

The project has been approved by Netherland Government in 1997 for Rs. 115.4 crores of which the Netherland Government will fund Rs. 105 crores and Government of India/Government of U.P. will fund Rs. 10.4 crores. Balance works will be taken up after completion of this project after 4 years.

4. Gomti Action Plan (Pollution Abatement Works in Lucknow, Sultanpur and Jaunpur)

Phase-I of the project was approved in 1995 by DFID, UK