

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Forest Resources

[*English*]

3844. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to develop forest resources during the Ninth Plan;

(b) if so, the details of plans formulated and the funds earmarked in this regard, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the proposal adopted by the Government with regard to the development of forests in the said plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) State-wise plan proposals for targets and funds for the development of forest resources during the Ninth Five Year Plan have yet not been finalised.

Cyclone Warning at Gujarat Ports

3845. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cyclone warning centre had put up the great danger signalling triangular flag at all Gujarat Ports on the June 8, 1998 and earlier also;

(b) if so, the number of times the warning was given;

(c) whether several ships collided and damaged the Jetties at Kandla Port and hundred of persons died in the Kutch district on June 9, 1998 despite the fact that warning was given to the port authorities; and

(d) if so, the action by the Government propose to take against the port authorities for dereliction of duty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Indian Metrological Department has sent five warning messages on June 8, 1998 to the Gujarat Ports regarding display of signal No. 8 which indicates great danger. Port Trust had hoisted signal No. 8; as soon as message was received.

(c) One Oil Jetty which was to be decommissioned during the month of July, 1998 and the other belonging to IFFCO got partly damaged because of ships colliding with them inspite of double moorings. There were minor damages to the fenders and bollards in General Cargo Berths and Oil Jetties. The total number of deaths in the Kutch District is being ascertained from Gujarat Government.

(d) The question does not arise Kandla Port Trust has taken all possible measures to safeguard the lives of its employees and its properties.

Enquiry Against Director of CECRI

3846. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the findings of the inquiry by the Chief Minister Vigilance Officer of CSIR into the cases of irregularities against the Director of the Central Electro-Chemical Research Institute of CSIR; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No such inquiry has been carried out by Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO), CSIR.

(b) Does not arise.

Power Generation

3847. SHRI RAVI SITARAM NAIK:

SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of power being generated, State-wise;

(b) the year-wise increase registered in capacity of power generation during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the names of new power projects proposed to be set up in each State during the Ninth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) the total number of villages likely to be electrified and the total expenditure likely to be incurred by the Government on this programme?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Details of power being generated, State-wise, are given in the attached Statement-I.

(b) State-wise details of capacity of power generation added during the last 3 years is given in the attached Statement-II.

(c) The Ninth Five Year Plan for the power sector is yet to be finalised

(d) The Planning Commission has not yet finalised targets and financial outlay for rural electrification programme for 9th Plan. Rural Electrification Corporation has tentatively proposed to electrify 2800 villages in the year 1998-99. This would involve an estimated expenditure of about Rs. 130 crores.