advised to ensure that the interests of environment protection, ecological security and forest conservation are fully safeguarded.

- (c) The Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent suggestions regarding relaxation in regard to compensatory afforestation as part of forest diversion proposals under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 regarding the hilly areas of the State. No specific proposal for amendment of the forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been received from the State Government in respect of development of the hill regions.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.

## Areas Declared as Reserved Forests in U. P.

6090. SHRIC. M. NEGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of areas declared as reserved forests in U.P., district-wise; and
- (b) the steps being taken to ensure that the reserved forests are not encroached?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOR-ESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMEN-TATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) According to the information given by the state government the details of the areas declared as reserved forests in U. P. districtwise are furnished in the Statement attached.

- (b) The following steps have been taken to ensure that the reserved forests are not encroached upon:
- 1. The regular field staff is responsible for prevention of encroachments.
- 2. In areas sensitive to encroachement and felling, special police force is posted.
- 3. Units of ex-Armymen and Police Armed Guard Squads have been created to protect the forest areas.
- 4. At the time of revision of working plan proposals are incorporated for the reduction of area of forest beats so that the supervision is more effective.

## **STATEMENT**

## **Annexure**

Districtwise details of Reserved Forest in U. P. (As on 31.3.1988) are as under:-

Region/District	Area under Reserved Forests (In Hectares)
1	2
Hill Region	
Almora	1,47,197
Pithoragarh	1,31,720
Nainital	3,61,253

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1		2
Pauri		2,37,376
Chamoli		3,63,912
Tehri		2,69,426
Dehradoon		1,44,205
Uttarkashi		6,95.479
Total Hill Region		23,50.568
Central Region		
Barabankı		2,299
Fatehpur		509
Hardooı		6,869
Kanpur (Urban and Rural)		743
Kheri		1,54,976
Lucknow		2,487
Raibarilly		1,666
Sitapur		4,460
Unnao		901
Total Central Region		1,74,910
Western Region		
Agra		31,993
Aligarh.		157
Bijnor		62,219
Badoun		3,914

1	2
Bareilly	214
Bulandshar	6,159
Etha	155
Etawa	24,691
Farrukhabad	2,639
Mainpuri	4,497
Mathura	917
Meerut	6,334
Moradabad	11,632
Rampur	6,520
Pilibhit	70,059
Saharanpur	76,325
Shahjahanpur	9,271
Mujffarnagar	3,124
Gaziabad	2,031
Total Western Region	3,22,851
Bundelkhand Region	
Banda	55,704
Hamirpur	11,861
Jalaun	16,998
Jhansi	25,157

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1			2	•
Lalitp	ur		59,765	
Total	Bundelkhand Region		1,69,485	
Easte	ern Region			
Allaha	abad		14,061	
Azam	ngarh		239	
Bahra	aich		99,607	
Balıa				
Basti			3,247	
Deori	a		237	
Faiza	bad		-	
Gazıp	our		-	
Gond	a		67,522	
Gora			45,226	
Jount	our		-	
Mirza	pur		2,91,329	
Prata	pgarh		219	
Sultai	npur		1,386	
Varan	nasi		73,646	
Total	Eastern Region		5,96,719	