

Allocation to Maharashtra

6111. SHRI HARISHANKAR MAHALE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Maharashtra State during last three years for the protection of environment and conservation of forests;

(b) whether the entire amount has been utilised for this purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI):

(a) The total allocation to Maharashtra State during the last three years for the protection of environment and conservation of forests is given below:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount allocated (Rs. in Crores)</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
1987-88	52.64
1988-89	56.87
1989-90	49.94

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The main reasons for under-utilisation were as follows:

- (i) Due to severe drought conditions in the country during 1987-88, the new plantation programme for which allocation was made could not be taken

up.

- (ii) Economy measures taken by the Government.

Opening of Engineering College in Maharashtra

6112. SHRI HARISHANKAR MAHALE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open an engineering college and similar instituted for providing higher technical education Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (c). As per information from the Government of Maharashtra, they propose to submit to the All India Council for Technical Education for its consideration a proposal to start one Government Engineering College at Nagpur to conduct degree courses in Civil Engineering, Electronics, Mechanical Engineering, Power Engineering and Telecommunication Engineering.

[English]

Import of Technology

6113. SHRI Y.S. RAJA SEKHAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the present policy of Government regarding acquisition of technical know-how from abroad for overall economic development?