

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Female Literacy Rate</i>
1	2	3
2.	Assam	***
3.	Bihar	13.62
4.	Jammu and Kashmir	15.88
5.	Madhya Pradesh	15.53
6.	Orissa	21.12
7.	Rajasthan	11.42
8.	Uttar Pradesh	14.04
9.	West Bengal	30.25
10.	Arunachal Pradesh	11.32

\*\*\* Census could not be held in Assam due to the disturbed conditions prevailing at that time.

#### **Process of Review of New Education Policy**

\*722. SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE:  
SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEO:

Will the PRIME Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process for the review of the New Education Policy has since been set into motion:

(b) if so, Government's thinking on the proposed review and whether it will cover Education at all levels—right from Primary to College; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The modalities for the review of National Policy on Education, 1986 are being worked out.

[*Translation*]

#### **Facilities to Farmers Participating in Social Forestry Programme**

\*727. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

"the Statewise details of the facilities being provided to the farmers partici-

pating in Social Forestry Programmes?"

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROURAY):** (a) The Social Forestry Programme is implemented in all the States. An important component of the programme is promotion of farm forestry. Farmers are provided seedlings free or at subsidised rates and given technical advice and other help as well as training for raising seedlings and nurseries, planting, etc. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) provides refinance facility to the banks for extending loans at concessional rates to the farmers for raising nurseries and for planting on private wastelands.

In addition, assistance is provided to the farmers under different schemes of the Central Government as given below:

- (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Decentralised People's Nurseries, small and marginal farmers are provided subsidy to cover the cost of raising seedlings.
- (b) Financial assistance is extended to the Voluntary Agencies for raising seedlings and planting on the lands of (small and marginal) farmers belonging to the target groups.
- (c) Degraded farmlands are included under the Integrated Wastelands Development Projects.
- (d) Tree Growers and Farm Forestry Cooperatives are being promoted on a pilot basis.
- (e) Under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, farmers, particularly small and marginal farmers and

those belonging to the weaker sections of society, are encouraged to raise private nurseries and to do tree planting.

- (f) Under the Drought Prone Areas Programme and the Desert Development Programme, subsidy is provided to the private farmers for taking up reclamation of degraded lands for farm forestry, pasture development and raising of nurseries.
- (g) Under the programme of 'Soil Conservation in the Catchment Areas of River Valley projects', assistance is given for tree planting on the lands of private farmers falling within the identified watersheds.

#### **Smuggling of Uranium**

\*728. **SHRI RAM PRASAD CHAUDHARY:**  
**SHRI JANARDAN TIWARI:**

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether uranium is being smuggled out of India to China and America via Nepal;

(b) whether Government have detected any cases of smuggling of uranium and other commodities from India to Nepal during the last two years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check smuggling?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA):** (a) and (b). No, Sir.