

computer centre of the Department of Statistics or in the National Informatics Centre of the Planning Commission; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The posts of Adviser in the Planning Commission, the posts in the National Informatics Centre of the Planning Commission, and the posts (except that of the Executive Director) in the Computer Center of the Department of Statistics are not encadred in the Indian Statistical Service (ISS). As such, these posts cannot be filled in terms of the provisions of the ISS Rules. However officers of the ISS, who apply and who otherwise fulfil the criteria and requirements in respect of these posts are also eligible to be considered for appointment to the posts along with other eligible candidates. The post of Executive Director, Computer Centre of the Department of Statistics, is encadred in the ISS, and as such, only ISS Officers are eligible for appointment to that post.

L.T.C. Facilities to Government Employment

7707. SHRIGUMAN MALLODHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Leave Travel Concession for performing short journeys during gazetted holidays, prefixed or suffixed to Saturday/Sundays is admissible to the Central Government employees:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c). The admissibility of Leave Travel Concession to

a Government servant, as apparent from the name itself is linked to availing of some kind of leave. The concession is, therefore, admissible to a Government servant only if he takes leave of any kind in addition to gazetted holidays, Saturdays and Sundays. Members of his family can, however, avail of the Leave Travel Concession facility separately irrespective of the fact whether the Government servant takes any leave or not

Non-Utilisation of Funds by States

708 SHRI RAMAKRISHNA KONATHALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of misappropriation or diversion of Central grants/funds by the States which are released to the State Government for the special purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the remedial steps contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Expenditure of Players participating In Fourth 'Asian Soft Ball Mens' Championship

7709. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire expenditure on the players who represented India in the Third Asian Soft Ball Men's Championship held in Japan in 1985 was borne by Government;

(b) if so, whether Government also propose to meet the expenditure on the players participating in the Fourth Asian Soft Ball Men's Championship to be held April-May, 1990 at Manila (Philippines);

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the players participating in the Fourth Asian Soft Ball Men's Championship?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Financial assistance to the extent of international passage cost only was provided to the Soft Ball Team which participated in the third Asian Soft Ball Men's Championship held in Japan in 1985.

(b) and (c). The proposal of Soft Ball Federation of India to participate in the Fourth Asian Soft ball Men's Championship to be held in Manila has been cleared at no cost to Government keeping in view the performance of the team at the last Asian Soft Ball Men's Championship held in Japan in 1985, and the fact that this is not an identified discipline for the forthcoming Asian Games, not is it widely played in India.

(d) The names of the players participating in the 4th Asian Soft Ball Men's Championship at Manila, as intimated by the Federation, are as under:—

1. Shri Jacob Chandy
2. Shri Atul Shinde
3. Shri Mahendra Solanki
4. Shri Pavitar Singh
5. Shri S. Chakraborty
6. Shri Sanjay Rewari

7. Shri Prakash Singh

8. Shri R.K. Tikoo

9. Shri Umesh Sharma

10. Shri Virendra Singh

11. Shri Subodh Patankar

12. Shri S.K. Sen

13. Shri Arun Kumar

14. Shri A.J. Alvi

15. Shri S. Mahesh

16. Shri Y.K. Sharma

17. Shri Dayanand Jawalkar

Central Assistance to Punjab

7710. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT OF FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central assistance allotted to Punjab and other States for forest plantation during the last three years;

(b) whether the amount so allocated has been fully utilised by State Governments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT OF FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a to (c). The State-wise allocation and utilisation of funds for afforestation activities during the period 1986-87 to 1988-89 is given in the statement below. This includes Punjab State.