

Anganwadi Centres in Delhi

3941. SHRI RAVI NARAYAN PANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi Centres in Delhi; and

(b) the number of male and female teachers separately working in these centres?

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) The total number of Anganwadi Centres in the Union Territory of Delhi, as on 28.2.90, was 2,930.

(b) Each anganwadi centre is managed by an Anganwadi Worker, assisted by a Helper. Both of them are voluntary, part-time, honorary female workers.

Threatened Plants of India

3942. SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Botanical Survey of India has brought out a booklet "Threatened plants of India";

(b) if so, whether Government are planning to preserve these plants;

(c) if so, the details thereof in terms of plans and money allocated to each State; and

(d) whether Government is seeking the support of voluntary organisations for preserving these threatened plants?

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) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Following steps have been taken for protection of endangered species of plants:

- i) Trade and commerce in endangered species of flora and fauna is regulated under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).
- ii) 69 National Parks and 399 Wildlife Sanctuaries have been set up which help in protection of threatened species of plants and animals and their diverse habitats.
- iii) The Botanical Survey of India is cultivating several endangered plant species in their experimental gardens.
- iv) A scheme for Captive Breeding of Endangered Species of Plants has been introduced in the Botanical Survey of India recently.

There is no scheme for providing funds to the States or for funding voluntary organisations for preserving the threatened species of plants.

[*Translation*]

Construction of Tunnel in Rohtang Pass

3943. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Geological Survey of India has conducted a survey to construct a tunnel at Rohtang Pass in Lahol Spiti District of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the views of Government in this regard; and

(c) the time by which this tunnel is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is keen in taking up the Project. Steps are being taken to undertake a feasibility study of the tunnel by M/s RITES.

(c) It is too early to state the period of completion.

[English]

Funds for Reclamation of up Ravines

3944. SHRI YADVENDRA DATT: Will

the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.P. Government has requested for release of funds for reclamation of the dacoit-infested ravine areas in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the working group set up by Planning Commission in 1985 had recommended for allocation of Rs. 295 crores for reclamation projects in the ravines; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps contemplated for release of funds for the reclamation projects?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Working Group on Accelerated Development of Dacoity Prone Areas of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan had recommended for all the areas and programmes an allocation of Rs. 641.86 crores with the following Central State components:

(Rs. crores)

Sl. No.	Programme Component	Proposed Outlay		
		Central	State	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Ravine Reclamation	82.70	Nil@	82.70
2.	Road/Bridge construction	100.00	179.00	279.00
3.	Rural Electrification	59.49	220.67	280.16
Total:		242.19	399.67	641.86

@ The States, however, should strengthen infrastructure in related fields, viz., earth-moving and ground water harvesting equipment