

been spent so far.

[English]

### **Kerala Forest Research Institute**

3992. SHRIRAMESHCHENNITHALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring the Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi within the purview of Union Government;

(b) whether Government have also submitted any memorandum in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

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) to (c). A proposal was received from Government of Kerala for upgradation of Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi into a Centre of Excellence for Tropical Forestry Research. Clarifications have been sought from the State Government about the proposal.

### **Eucalyptus Trees**

3993. SHRI BALGOPAL MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) from whom and when the suggestion regarding large scale plantation of Eucalyptus trees for afforestation was received; and

(b) the impact of Eucalyptus growth on environment?

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) Various species of Eucalyptus, native of Australia, were introduced in South India at the end of the 18th century by Tipu Sultan and later by the British in other parts of the country. Large-scale planting of Eucalyptus was started in the Third Five Year Plan period under the scheme of "Plantation of fast growing species" and other development schemes.

(b) Research conducted at the Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun, has indicated that Eucalyptus does not have adverse effect on environment. Food and Agricultural Organisation has reported in 1985 that scientific investigation does not indicate that Eucalyptus is bad for environment.

[Translation]

### **Population below poverty line in U.P.**

3994. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people under poverty line in U.P. as on 31st March, 1990; and

(b) the number of people proposed to be brought above the poverty line during 1990-91?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The estimated total number of people under poverty line in Uttar Pradesh for the year 1987-88 is 422 lakhs. Estimates as on 31st March, 1990 are not available.

(b) While poverty alleviation is the abiding concern of planned development, State-

wise targets for bringing people above the poverty line are not fixed annually.

[English]

**Employment to Ex-Servicemen of Rajasthan**

3995. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a policy decision to give suitable employment to the ex-service personnel;

(b) if so, the number of ex-service personnel of Rajasthan given employment either by the State Government or by the Union Government in Seventh Five Year

plan;

(c) whether the Union Government had given any direction to the State Government of Rajasthan in this regard at the beginning of the Seventh Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether Government propose to send such a direction now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b). The Central Government has provided reservation in favour of ex-servicemen in Group 'C' and 'D' posts in Central Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings including Nationalised Banks as follows:—

	<i>Central Government Departments</i>	<i>Public Sector Undertakings including Nationalised Banks</i>
Group 'C'	10%	14 1/2%
Group 'D'	20%	24 1/2%

In addition, 10% of the vacancies in the posts of the level of Assistant Commandants in all Para-military Forces are also reserved for ex-servicemen. Further, ex-servicemen are eligible for relaxation in age and educational qualifications. In the services under the State Government of Rajasthan, the reservation for ex-servicemen in Group 'C' posts is 12.5% and in Group 'D' posts is 15%. In the State Armed Constabulary, 60% of the posts are reserved for ex-servicemen.

The total number of ex-servicemen provided employment in Rajasthan by Cen-

tral Government/Central Government Public Sector Undertakings and the State Government/State Government Public Sector Undertakings, Local Bodies and Private Sector Establishments during the Seventh Five Year Plan period (i.e. 1985 to 1989 upto June) is given in the statement attached.

(c) to (e). No specific directions to the State Government of Rajasthan alone have been given in this regard. However, the need to provide employment to as many ex-servicemen as possible has been impressed upon various State Governments including Government of Rajasthan from time to time.