

woodlots, regeneration of degraded forests/ public lands, farm forestry, etc. The main schemes undertaken during the Seventh Plan period are the World Bank/ODA assisted Social Forestry Project, Rural Fuel-wood Plantations, Decentralised People's Nurseries, Silviculture Development, Integrated Wastelands Development and Social Forestry under the Rural Employment Programmes. Social Forestry activities are being continued during 1990-91.

[*Translation*]

Literacy Rate

4052. SHRIGULABCHANDKATARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan is most backward in the field of education and especially in women's education and the details of future programmes required for Rajasthan in this regard; and

(b) the extent of additional amount proposed to be provided during the year 1990-91 with a view to increase the percentage of literacy in Rajasthan?

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) Rajasthan is one of the ten educationally backward states in the country. Literacy rate in the State, according to 1981 census, was 24.38 % as against the national average of 36.23 %. Similarly, the female literacy rate was 11.42 % as against the national average of 24.82 %.

Universalisation of elementary education and the programme for imparting functional literacy to adult illiterates in 15-35 age-

group, which are integral parts of a larger programme to eradicate illiteracy in the country, would continue to be implemented in Rajasthan also. Besides the on-going programmes, other measures proposed for improving the literacy rate in the State include:

- (i) Involvement of about 2.00 lakh school students in literacy activities;
- (ii) Expansion of Shiksha Karmi Project;
- (iii) Identification and involvement of a larger number of voluntary agencies; and
- (iv) Other comprehensive programmes to extend basic education for all.

(b) The Annual Plan allocation for 1990-91 have not yet been finally approved. It may also be mentioned that no state-wise allocations are made in the central sector.

[*English*]

Ban on Plying of Vehicles with High Emission Levels

4053. SHRIJANARDHANAPOOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban the plying of vehicles with high emission levels in the country as an anti-pollution measure;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOR-