

(c) The curricula upto Class VIII are regulated by the respective Directorates of Education. The CBSE does not have data on the total number of students studying Sanskrit in Classes VI, VII, and VIII in schools affiliated to the Board.

Defence Industrial Unit In Madhya Pradesh

4064. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up any Defence Industrial unit in Rajgarh District of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Does not arise.

National Zoological Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries

4065. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of National Zoological Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries in India;

(b) whether any target had been fixed for increasing the capacity and other facilities in National Zoological Parks and Wild Life Sanctuaries in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details of extended capacity and facilities and the names of those parks and sanctuaries?

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

ESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) There are 69 national parks and 400 wildlife sanctuaries in India. There is only one National Zoological Park and it is at New Delhi.

(b) and (c). This Ministry does not support increase in tourist activities in national parks and sanctuaries. Assistance is however, provided to State Governments for development of national parks and sanctuaries including creation of facilities to visitors for nature education. During 7th Five Year Plan an amount of Rs. 11.32 crores was released as Central assistance for development for 129 sanctuaries and an amount of Rs. 7.68 crores was released for development of 34 national parks.

During 7th Five Year Plan a sum of Rs. 1.17 crores has been spent on development of National Zoological Park. This includes creation of facilities to visitors and education programme also.

Setting up of Committee to Review the Price of Books

4066. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether to control the rising prices of books Government propose to constitute a committee to look into the matter and find out if the prices of books are based on its cost; and

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to make provisions for awarding punishment to the book publisher who fix prices of books much higher than its actual cost?

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 DE-
VELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a)
No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Aravali Hill Area Development Pro-
gramme**

4067. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHAR-
GAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan Government
has forwarded project draft of 'Aravali Hill
Area Development Programme' to the Plan-
ning Commission for approval; if so, the
details thereof;

(b) whether the Planning Commission
has approved the said project; if so, the
details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISH-
WANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c). Yes,
Sir. The Government of Rajasthan had for-
warded a proposal for the development of
Aravali Hills to the Working Group on the
"Development of Aravali Hills", constituted
by the Planning Commission. The Group
has already submitted their report which is
being processed.

[English]

**Re-Examination of Atomic Power
Plants**

4068. SHRI PRATAPRAO B.
BHOSALE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be
pleased to state:

(a) whether re-examination of Atomic
Power Stations is essential after a period of
every five years or so; and

(b) if so, reasons therefor and the
amount to be spent for this exercise and
results to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOL-
OGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DE-
VELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a)
The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB)
has recently taken a decision to the effect
that when an operational authorisation is
given for any atomic power plant, it shall be
initially for period of five years and shall be
reviewed thereafter.

(b) Safety review of nuclear power
plants is a continuous process during the
entire lifetime of the plant. A review of the
operational authorisation by AERB after a
period of five years would be in line with the
safety review philosophy of AERB. Such
reviews do not require any additional funds
of significance except deployment of limited
additional manpower during the period of
review. However, based on the review if any
modifications to backfits are called for in the
plant, additional fund required for such work
will depend on the nature of the work. An
assurance of required safety level of the
plant will be the result of such a review.

Social Forestry

4069. SHRI PRATAPRAO B.
BHOSALE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched
several programmes to encourage social
forestry;

(b) if so, the details thereof and prog-
ress made during the last three calendar
years;

(c) whether social workers and volun-