

schemes. We will not be in a position—until we get further financial allocation in the Eighth Plan—to take up any other scheme. It is dependent on how much money we get in the next Plan.

SHRI ABDUL SAMAD: The Minister was pleased to state that for the treatment of effluents from tanneries, the Government is giving 35 per cent of the total expenditure. I know fully well that in Vaniyambadi, Tamil Nadu, the tanners have contributed Rs. 25 lakhs for this purpose whereas the Central Government has not contributed a single pie for the completion of the treatment plant.

Will the Minister be pleased to instruct for disbursement of money so that the effluent plant is completed in time?

MR. SPEAKER: The question pertains to Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal.

(Interruptions)

SHRI ABDUL SAMAD: Out of 872 tanneries in the country, 700 tanneries are situated in my constituency. It is causing pollution. That's why I have put this question.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Involvement of Voluntary Organisations in Rural Development Programme

*85. **SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to adopt a new approach in the Eighth Plan in regard to involvement of voluntary organisations in rural development programmes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). Emphasis on involvement of Voluntary Organisations in Implementation of various schemes relating to Rural Development is expected to be enhanced during the Eighth Five Year Plan period. The details would be incorporated in the Plan document.

UNDP Conference on Environmental Degradation

*86. **SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Conference convened recently by the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) at Nairobi voiced concern at environmental degradation;

(b) if so, whether India also participated in the Conference;

(c) the main subjects discussed and the proposals made by India; and

(d) the decisions arrived at in the Conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI-MATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b). The Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) had convened an Informal meeting with invited experts from various countries on Funding Mechanisms for the Montreal Protocol and another meeting with invited Ministers on a number of global environmental issues in an informal manner in January, 1990 at Nairobi. India also participated in these meetings.

(c) and (d). A statement is given below.