

mit recognised that the critical situation facing development countries necessitated urgent action to improve the external environment—higher growth and a roll-back of protectionist measures especially in industrial countries; lower interest rates; and significantly increased external assistance and foreign investment as well as continuing efforts to improve their domestic economics.

(c) Action on the above rests largely with the respective countries. Some of the issues are also under consideration in the relevant specialised international fora. A reform in the functioning of the international monetary and financial system could also assist in creating a favourable environment. In this regard the CHOGM Summit noted that the Spring 1986 meetings of the Development and Interim Committees would provide an opportunity for in-depth examination of the relevant issues.

(d) These suggestions if accomplished and implemented by all countries concerned can contribute to the creation of a favourable economic environment in the world and provide a fillip to mutually re-enforcing growth in the industrial and developing economies.

[*Translation*]

Pollution by Thermal Power Plants

*332. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY :
SHRI ANAND SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the "Hindustan Times" dated 24 October, 1985 wherein it is stated that a situation of acid rain could obtain in Delhi due to the pollution being spread by the thermal power plants; and the same situation can arise all over the country because of such power plants

(b) the details of the facts in this regard; and

(c) how cities, villages and forests will be affected in case of acid rain ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the India Meteorological Department there is no evidence of acid rain problem in the country as indicated by the data being recorded to various places.

(c) Acid rain causes corrosion of buildings and monuments, reduces agricultural yield and forest growth and also adversely affects the water bodies.

[*English*]

Union Medical Service Commission

*334. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up Union Medical Service Commission for the appointment of doctors.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which it is proposed to be set up; and

(d) the amount to be spent on the setting up of the Commission ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

Steps to save Pine Forests in the Himalayas

*337. SHRI R.P. DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what steps have so far been taken by his Ministry to save pine forests in