

out their internal difference on this matter.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : We have sorted out and given you a unanimous recommendation. We welcome the test range; only for the site we are opposed to.

SHRI ARUN SINGH : Subsequent to the unanimous recommendation there is a letter that I am talking about. In the circumstances perhaps they may review it again.

All I can say is that we are very conscious of the fact that we are going to disturb the lives and the income-earning capability of a substantial number of people. We are aware of that. We believe that the national test range facility is absolutely essential for the nation. In the circumstances our objective now is not to cancel the national test range capability but to resettle and rehabilitate the affected populations to whatever extent we can and in the most efficient and effective manner we can.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : One clarification. The Minister has agreed that I can seek a clarification I want to know from the Minister. Throughout India is this the only greenspot that is available? I am asking a clarification. Throughout India is this the only spot that is available?

(Interruptions)

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : He was on his legs to clarify. This is a very important point...

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I have allowed more time on this question, It is better you have a debate later on.

(Interruptions)

SHRI CHANDRA PRATAP NARAIN SINGH : You have given chance to Mr. Dandavate. Please give us also a chance. In 1978 it was the Janata Party...

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Please listen to me. You will be satisfied. I cannot do justice to this question only by allowing you a few minutes more. So it is better that you have some more time later on.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (S. BUTA SINGH) : The latest position, if I am right, was that he has agreed to everything. Mr. Arun Singh has said.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Right from the very beginning I have agreed. I have agreed to reject, but only we are opposed to the site. You are destroying the greenest belt of Orissa. We shall never tolerate it. Sir, he was clarifying that.

MR. SPEAKER : You can have half-an-hour discussion.

[Translation]

Steps to prevent acid rain

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*291. **DR. CHANDAR SHEKHAR TRIPATHI :**

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY :

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the threat of acid rain in India is growing;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make any effort to ward off this threat;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) According to the India Meteorological Department, there is no evidence of acid rain problem in the country as indicated

by the data being recorded in various places.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[Translat'on]

DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre in Bombay...

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Question Hour is over.

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS**

[English]

Minimum Needs Programme

***285. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN :** Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the allocation of funds made for the Minimum Needs Programme in the

Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plan by the Centre;

(b) to what extent the quality of life of rural folk has improved under the programme in each Five Year Plan;

(c) whether all the funds allocated for the programme were utilised for the specific purposes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. K. PANJA) : (a) to (e) The allocation of funds made for the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP), for the various purposes and the actual expenditure during the Fifth, Sixth, and the Annual Plan (1985-86) are given in Statement I given below.

(b) Achievements made under the various components of Minimum Needs Programme contributing to improvement in quality of life are given in Statement-II given below .