

Self-loading rifles, Semi automatic rifles, .303 rifles, rocket launchers, 12 Bore guns etc. have been surrendered. 20,185 rounds of ammunition, thirteen hand-grenades and three wireless sets have also been surrendered.

Implementation of social forestry scheme

*300. SHRI PURNA CHANDRA MALIK :

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of plantations, distribution of seedlings and allocation of funds under the centrally sponsored scheme on social forestry including rural fuelwood plantations for the year 1984-85;

(b) whether the utilization certificates were received before releasing of further grants; and

(c) the details of funds diverted by States to other purposes ?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI) : (a) The details asked for under the centrally sponsored schemes of Social Forestry including Rural Fuelwood Plantation are as follows :

Allocations to States/UTs	Rs. 19.00 crores
Plantations raised	90,365 hectares
Seedlings distributed	25.35 crores

(b) States/UTs take time to furnish utilisation certificates because of procedural requirements involving proper verification by the Civil Accounts Organisation as well. Withholding of Central grant would have adversely affected plantation operations which are time bound. Hence the Central grant was released during 1984-85 on the basis of the periodical progress reports submitted by the States/UTs.

(c) According to the report of the

Comptroller and Auditor General for the year 1984-85, funds to the tune of Rs. 78.65 lakhs were diverted to schemes/works not connected with this scheme in Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Mizoram.

"Ganga Cleaning Project"

*301. SHRI BHATTAM SRIRAMA MURTY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State :

(a) whether the Ganga Cleaning Project was recently launched by the Prime Minister;

(b) how much work has been completed since then up-to-date;

(c) the phased plan in this regard; and

(d) which are the rivers from the South to be taken up similarly for cleaning and purification purposes ?

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

(b) Though the Ganga Action Plan was formally launched as a People's Project by the Prime Minister on 14th June, 1986, work had started earlier. As on 31st July, 1986, 27 schemes at a cost of Rs. 16.88 crores in U.P., 11 Schemes at a cost of Rs. 1.72 crores in Bihar and 34 schemes at a cost of Rs. 12.19 crores in West Bengal have been sanctioned. Out of these, one scheme at Hardwar at a cost of Rs. 0.62 crore and one scheme at Ram Nagar, near Varanasi, at a cost of Rs. 0.09 crore have since been completed.

(c) The Central Ganga Authority has approved a work programme for the three States of U. P., Bihar and West Bengal at a total cost of Rs. 292.31 crores. Out of this; expenditure during the 7th Five Year Plan will be limited to Rs 240 crores. It is expected that the schemes taken up under the Programme will be completed during the 7th Plan period.

(d) It is expected that the experience gained in implementing the Ganga Action