

(b) Government allocates funds every year for the conservation programme undertaken.

(c) The cost of afforestation (vegetating) varies depending on factors such as the nature and depth of soil, topography, availability of labour, and the number of plants raised per hectare.

(d) The available wasteland will be covered as part of the programme to bring 5 million hectares of land every year under fuelwood and fodder.

#### Anti-National activities in Border Districts of Gujarat

3327. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) how many cases of anti-national activities have been detected in the border districts of Gujarat;

(b) how many of them are of subversion and how many of economic offences;

(c) whether such cases have increased during the last five years; and

(d) any new steps being taken to strengthen border security ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### Proposals for Absorption of Modern Technology

3328. SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has directed the Ministry of Science and Technology to prepare specific proposals to achieve absorption of modern high technology, fuller utilisation of capacity and improvement in productivity;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry have set up any Study Group in pursuance of this directive;

(c) whether the Ministry finalised its proposals in this regard; and

(d) if not, when the Ministry hope to submit their proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b) The Prime Minister in his Broadcast to the nation on January 5, 1985 has stated that improvement in productivity, absorption of modern technology, and fuller utilisation of capacity must acquire the status of a national campaign and that he has asked the Ministries of Science & Technology and Industries to prepare specific proposals to achieve these objectives.

(c) and (d) The proposals are being formulated.

#### Tourists to India under 'Ashok Young Explorers Travel Plan'

3329 SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of tourists expected to visit India in a year under 'Ashok Young Explorers Travel Plan';

(b) the total amount of foreign exchange likely to be earned by the Ashoka Group under this plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Nearly 2,500 foreign students/youth are expected to utilise the Ashok Young Explorers Travel Plan during 1985;

(b) under this 'Plan', the foreign exchange earnings to the Ashok Group are estimated at about Rs. 55 lakhs.