

(ii) checking of erosion in mountainous regions, catchment of rivers along tree-less banks, in the hot and cold deserts;

(iii) preservation of natural heritage of flora and fauna in the country;

(iv) management of forest resources for providing, on a sustained basis, the maximum goods and services with due regard to environmental and ecological considerations;

(v) aiding the tribal economy and maximisation of employment;

(vi) checking of deforestation and prevention of diversion of forest lands for non-forestry uses; and

(vii) utilisation of culturable wasteland, strips along roads, rail tracks and canal banks and all other vacant land under public, corporate, community or private ownership for raising tree crops, with cooperation and involvement of people, as far as possible.

Printing Jobs by Private Firms

*207. SHRI SATISH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that printing work worth crores of rupees has been got done by the private firms (presses) during the last three years, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, justification for this;

(c) the estimated total loss accrued to Government due to this;

(d) who is responsible for this;

(e) whether printing capacity was available in the Government of India Presses when this job was got done by private parties; and

(f) the action proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) and (b). It is not a fact that printing work worth crores of Rupees was got done by private firms (presses) during the last three years. Work worth a total amount of Rs. 58.64 lacs was got done by private firms during this period by the Directorate of Printing in the Ministry of Works and Housing.

Farming out of printing jobs to private presses is resorted to only in exceptional circumstances when the Government of India Presses are either pre-occupied with emergent and priority job or are unable to meet the delivery schedule fixed by the Indenting Government Departments or do not have facilities for specialised jobs.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) It is not possible to entirely do away with private printing. However efforts are made to minimise it to the extent possible.

Machines lying idle in Government of India Press, Ring Road, New Delhi

*208. SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two newly folding machines at Government of India Press, Ring Road, New Delhi and a good number of sophisticated printing machines such as, photostat, photosetter Zerox, offset and latest design of printing machines worth crores of rupees are lying idle at the Government of India Press, Minto Road, New Delhi for the last several years and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) how much loss Government have incurred due to this;