

Conversion of Cochin University of Science and Technology into Central University

1673. SHRI PALAI K.M. MATHEW:
SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR:
PROF. P.J. KURIEN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any Memorandum for conversion of the Cochin University of Science and Technology into a Central University;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir. The Cochin University of Science and Technology has been established under an Act of the State Legislature of Kerala. As a matter of policy, the Central Government do not convert State Universities into Central Universities.

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

[*Translation*]

Shifting of Meerut Cantonment

1674. SHRI RAM SINGH SHAKYA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to shift Meerut Cantonment to Village Aaswa Bad, Quila Paribshat Garh at Tehsil Mewana;

(b) if so, by what time; and

(c) the time by which notices for acquiring land are likely to be issued to farmers of

the area and the limit of the area proposed to be acquired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No, Sir.

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

[*English*]

News Item Captioned "Orissa Lake is no More an Attraction"

1675. PROF. RAM GANESH KAPSE:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 2 July, 1990, under the caption "Orissa lake is no more an attraction";

(b) whether Orissa lake is being fast depleted following severe erosion of its catchment area;

(c) whether this has also resulted in considerable fall in tourists and migratory birds; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTARY): (a) The Government have seen the news item under reference.

(b) to (d). It is true that Ansupa Lake is facing a lot of problems like siltation due to deforestation in the catchment area, encroachment, etc. The State Government of Orissa have stated that they are preparing a scheme for conservation of this lake which will be sent in due course for financial support. As it is, this Lake is not in the list of 16