Central Assistance to Punjab to Check Water Poliution

1680. SHRI KAMAL CHAUDHRY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOR-ESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to provide special assistance to Punjab for checking water pollution;
- (b) if so, when and the extent thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTARY): (a) to (c). The Central Government has released Rs. 19.55 lakhs to the Punjab State Pollution Control Board and Rs. 3.644 lakhs to the State Department of Environment, Punjab as grant-in-aid for

pollution control purposes during the Seventh Five Year Plan. Apart from this, during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period Rs. 3,52,500/- were also released to augment the resources of the State Pollution Control Board. This assistance has been given for pollution control in general, of which, control of water pollution is a part. It is proposed to continue the assistance during the Eighth Plan Period; the amount has not yet been finalised.

Results of Electrical Engineering Course of R.E.C. Srinsgar

- 1681. PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSH-MANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) when the results of the electrical engineering students who wrote their exami-

nations in December, 1989 in Regional Engineering College, Srinagar are likely to come out; and

(b) steps taken so far to publish their results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DE-VELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Advertisement of Nuclear Power Projects

1682. SHRI AMAL DATTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Nuclear Power Corporation has been advertising certain nuclear power projects as being under operation, under construction and planned;
- (b) if so, please state the manner in which such advertisements have been made and the funds spent on such advertisements; and
- (c) what objects are sought to be achieved through such advertising?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOL-OGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) As part of its public information programme, while describing the Indian Nuclear Power Programme till the turn of this century, Nuclear Power Corporation has been publishing information regarding atomic power stations in operation, atomic power projects under construction and planned.

(b) The advertisements were published in some of the daily news papers and magazines in English, Hindi and some regional languages. The readership is expected to be

about 30 million. The entire series of ten articles covering major aspects of nuclear power will cost about Rs. 55 lakhs.

(c) The objective is to promote public awareness of the nuclear power development, and to provide facts in an authentic manner especially on safety and environmental aspects of the nuclear power programme which are of public concern.

Killing of Elephants in Idukki Forest Area of Kerala

1683. SHRI P. A. ANTONY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREȘTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several elephants have been recently killed in the Idukki forest area in Kerala:
- (b) whether any inquiry has been ordered into these killings; and
 - (c) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) to (c). No elephant has been killed recently in the Idukki forest area in Kerala. However, it has been reported that one elephant died after it fell accidentally from a hill-top into the reservoir. Whereas a post-mortem examination was conducted to establish the cause of death, no further inquiry was ordered because the death had resulted from an accident.

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Maintenance of Lai Quila

1684. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Govern-