

**SHRIMATI VYJAYANTHIMALA BALI :** I was going to ask in relation to a question by another hon. Member Shrimati Geeta Mukherjee but the question is already over.

**SHRI P. KOLANDAIVELU :** You have been given a chance; you are not utilising it.

**Area Covered by Social Forestry in West Bengal**

\*232. **SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) how much area is covered by social forestry in West Bengal; and

(b) in which districts social forestry has been developed ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN) :** (a) An area of 1.22 lakhs hectares was covered between 1951 and 1985. 15.45 crore seedlings were distributed for planting during 1981-85 under the Social Forestry programme by the State Forest Department.

(b) The social forestry programme is being implemented in the entire State.

**SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA :** According to the answer, 15.45 crore seedling were distributed during 1981-85. But I am interested to know how many trees have grown up till now, not how many seedlings have been distributed.

**SHRI VIR SEN :** The survival rate of growth is not available. There are certain incentives given to the farmers etc., so that they may preserve and grow the plants. After two years of survival the incentive given is in the form of financial assistance.

**THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI) :** I might say that we are now specifically monitoring plantations that took place two years and four years ago.

**SHRIMATI PHULRENU GUHA :** How many personnel are employed—permanent, temporary or daily wage workers—and out of these workers how many are women in different categories ?

**SHRI VIR SEN :** This is a very detailed question and it is not possible to give an answer to this question.

**SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :** She has spoken very well for women.

**SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI :** May I know from the hon. Minister, whether he is aware of the fact that under social forestry and afforestation programmes in the Eastern India and West Bengal not much is being done for the last eight years ? Is the hon. Minister aware that in the Doors and Tarai areas of Bengal two rhinos were killed in the last five years and the Government is encouraging a total deforestation programme of cutting trees ? (*Interruptions*) And, if the hon. Minister personally visits the Doors and Tarai areas he will find that years after years several acres of land is vacant, without any trees, Will the hon. Minister inquire into these things ? (*Interruptions*)

**SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :** This is not correct. (*Interruptions*)

**MR. SPEAKER :** Why do you worry ? That is his contention. Why should you worry about it ? Let the Minister reply.

**SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI :** I just wanted to know whether the hon. Minister is aware of the fact that...

(*Interruptions*)

**MR. SPEAKER :** Why should you be worried about it ?

[*Translation*]

Why are you doing like this ? You can rebutt these things. What is these to worry about ?

[*English*]

**SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY :** We are raising a procedural point.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : We always take into consideration certain things in the country. There is no problem.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA : I am on a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER : There is no point of order. *(Interruptions)*

*[Translation]*

MR. SPEAKER : No question is going to be raised like this.

*(Interruptions)*

SHRI AMAL DATTA : This question should be expunged.

MR. SPEAKER : On what ground ?

SHRI AMAL DATTA : There is an allegation on the functioning of the State Government... *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : This is not an allegation; this is a general contention. I have to look at certain things... *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Are you going to shut down criticism ? There are all State Governments involved in national things like environment and other things for which the Centre is answerable. And it is his point of view. You can say that this is not being done. The Minister Incharge will reply to it. *(Interruptions)* Mr. Munsii, you can just refer to the cutting down of trees and not name any particular Minister regarding this...

SHRI AMAL DATTA : And for that matter the Government.

MR. SPEAKER : Government can be taken to task.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : I can only guarantee that no allegations against anybody will be made. That is what I can assure you. If there are any allegations I will remove them.

*[Translation]*

MR. SPEAKER : Why are you doing this ? In such a situation neither you nor he will be able to speak. What are you doing ?

*(Interruptions)*

*[English]*

MR. SPEAKER : Then you will also not be allowed to speak. This is not the thing. You can rebutt all these things. You are also hon. Members of this House.

*(Interruptions)*

SHRI AMAL DATTA : The question is asked for the purpose of making allegation against the State Government. The question should be asked for the purpose of eliciting information.

MR. SPEAKER : Now you will be discussing certain atrocities on SC & ST and then you will say that this is happening in this States and that State. Where will I go then ? What will you do about it ? So, do not gag me and this House.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : My question is whether it is a fact that keeping in view the programme of social forestry of West Bengal, the afforestation programme in northern parts of West Bengal i.e. Doors area is very much poor. In view of the fact that trees are being cut down, deforestation is being encouraged and two rhinos were killed, will the Minister make enquiries with the Government of West Bengal in this matter and take steps accordingly ? That is what I said. What is there in it ? *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Why should you worry so much ? Do not get so much touchy.

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : There are a number of forestry and social forestry programmes going on in Bengal. There is the World Bank aided programme. There are plantations programmes, Centrally sponsored programmes, rural development programme, group farm forestry programme...

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Any

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : But unfortunately, there is a tremendous deforestation problem there.

AN HON. MEMBER : Where ?

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : Unfortunately, I can only refer to West Bengal because your question refers only to West Bengal. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : When you ask him other parts, he will reply to you also. Let him answer... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER : Please sit down. He is on his legs... (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER : He will be able to reply your question, when you put it. Why do you worry ?

(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : Sir, about the latter part of the question relating to the two rhinos, with due apologies to Bhagwat Jha Azad Ji, we can only refer it to the State Government to find out the facts.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Sir, the Prime Minister has said that there is tremendous deforestation going on in West Bengal. Would the Prime Minister take the House into confidence... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : Sir, if I may correct him, I said that there is a tremendous deforestation problem, which is slightly different.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : O.K., Sir. I take the latest answer of the Prime Minister... (*Interruptions*).

MR. SPEAKER : No, no, this is the answer he has given.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Since the Prime Minister has chosen to use the word 'tremendous', would he be able to quantify and would he also be able to throw a

comparative light at the national level ? Otherwise, it will be a very sweeping allegation. It does not behove the office of the Prime Minister.

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : I will send him a note, Sir.

#### Expansion of Delhi Airport

\*234. SHRI E. AYYAPU REDDY : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Airport has been renovated and reconstructed;

(b) the total number of flights (national and international) touching Delhi Airport in a day;

(c) whether the Airport has adequate facilities for waiting passengers before the security check is called;

(d) whether the present take off timings have resulted in over-congestion of passengers; and

(e) whether there are proposals to further expand the Delhi Airport ?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI AHMED M. PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir, Part of the main terminal building has been renovated to expand the departure facilities for domestic flights.

(b) According to current schedule, 38 national and 22 international flights take off from Delhi Airport on an average, per day. The number is, however, subject to slight variation as per daily schedule. The number of international flights also includes departure of Air India to Bombay.

(c) The facilities are, by and large, adequate except during peak hours.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A New International Passenger and Cargo Terminal Complex is under construction at Delhi Airport. Consequent to the commissioning of the New International Complex, changes will be carried out in the existing terminal, buildings to increase the