

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in *Deccan Herald* dated 11 July, 1990 under the Caption "Tehri Project to be ready by 1996.

(b) whether the noted Environmentalist Shri Sunder Lal Bahuguna led a movement against the Coffor Dam and called for lowering its height; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUFRAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir.

Shri Sunder Lal Bahuguna and the local people have been agitating against the construction of a 260.5 m high Tehri Dam because of apprehensions regarding its safety and likely environmental destruction in the area. The Government have setup a High level Committee of Experts to examine the safety aspects of the Tehri Dam.

**Reservation of Seats in Professional Courses**

4087. SHRI JOSS FERNANDEZ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has reserved some percentage of seats in Engineering and Diploma Courses for Anglo-Indian community students;

(b) if so, whether such reservation is in vogue in other states; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to direct all the State Government to make reservations in professional courses like engineering and diploma courses to Anglo-Indian community students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir, the Karnataka Government has reserved one seat for B.E. Degree course at the University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, Bangalore.

(b) Yes, Sir, one seat is reserved in Polytechnics in Tamil Nadu.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

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**Financial assistance to Youth Organisations in U.P.**

4089. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youth voluntary organisations in Uttar Pradesh which receive financial assistance from the Union Government;

(b) the amount given to these organisations as financial assistance during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether any study has been conducted about the working of these organisations; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) 266 youth voluntary organisations in Uttar Pradesh received financial assistance from the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports during the last three years.