

(c) whether garlic preparation have found a place as a regular remedy; and

(d) whether any Government/public sector units are manufacturing/marketing these curative medicines and if so, the details thereof indicating their price-structure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The R&D work on the therapeutic values of garlic pertains among others to its cholesterol lowering activity, anti-bacterial and antibiotic properties, and the curative values for dyspepsia and arthritis. The findings have been that garlic oil has the possibility of lowering cholesterol.

(c) Garlic preparations/extracts are used in the Indian system of medicine.

(d) As per the information available, a unit in the Private Sector is manufacturing/marketing the essential oil extract of garlic in the form of capsules. These capsules are being sold at the whole sale price of Rs. 25.72 per hundred capsules.

[*Translation*]

### **Target of Tree Plantation in the Country**

2033. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the target of tree-plantation fixed during the current financial year in the country; and

(b) whether more funds are proposed to be made available to the village Panchayats for this purpose through the State Governments under the Centrally Sponsored scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The target of afforestation/tree planting for the current financial year (1989-90) is 1.71 million hectares.

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes, funds are released to the State Governments for implementation through the concerned Departments and other appropriate agencies including the Panchayats. Under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, 80% of the, Central assistance is made available directly to the Panchayats to enable them to take up local works, including Social Forestry, at their discretion.

### **Scheme to Make Environment Free From Pollution in West Rajasthan**

2034. SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme to make the environment free from pollution caused by industries in West Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b). The Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board has formulated a scheme in this regard and has sent it to the Rajasthan State Government for implementation. There are two main features in the scheme which are given below:

(i) In plant process modifications to reduce pollution at source.

- (ii) Construction of Common Effluent Treatment Plants for cluster of Industries. The cost of construction and operation shall be paid by the concerned industries and they shall be operated by the agencies like Industries' Associations.

**Falling Standard of Education in  
Kendriya Vidyalayas**

2035. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn towards the deteriorating standard of education in Kendriya Vidyalayas: and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) and (b). There is no indication of deterioration in educational standards of Kendriya Vidyalayas as a whole, as would be seen from a comparative statement attached of the pass percentage results of Kendriya Vidyalayas vis-a-vis Non-Kendriya Vidyalayas at the All India Secondary and Senior Secondary School examinations (classes X and XII respectively) conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education during the last five years.