

in each class. Shalimar Bagh and Lawrence Road Kendriya Vidyalaya have 'B' type buildings corresponding generally to an average of 3 sections and Pitampura Kendriya Vidyalaya has a 'C' type building corresponding to 4 sections.

(c) and (d) At Kendriya Vidyalaya Lawrence Road, the humanities stream is already available. So far as Kendriya Vidyalayas, Shalimar Bagh and Pitampura are concerned, humanities stream has not been opened as the neighbouring Kendriya Vidyalayas are meeting the present demand.

[*Translation*]

AFFORESTATION SCHEME IN UTTAR PRADESH

80. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether environment pollution is on the increase in the country;

(b) if so, the corrective action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government propose to implement efficiently afforestation programme with a view to contain air pollution; and

(d) if so, the districts in Uttar Pradesh where afforestation programme is yet to start ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) :

(a) Environmental pollution is on the increase in the country because of the pace and complexity of human activity.

(b) The Government has taken the following steps for the prevention, abatement and control of pollution :

(i) Effluent and emission standards have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;

(ii) Net works of ambient air quality and ambient water quality monitoring stations have been set up;

(iii) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for sitting and operation of industries;

(iv) Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the State Pollution Control Boards to keep the discharge of effluents and emissions within the stipulated limits;

(v) A time bound action-plan for control of highly polluting 17 categories of industries has been prepared in consultation with the State Governments and a Notification has been issued under which polluting units are required to meet the standards by December 31, 1991;

(vi) Fiscal incentives are provided for installation of pollution control equipment and shifting of polluting industries from congested areas;

(vii) A scheme has been initiated to give assistance to cluster of small scale industrial units for setting up common effluent treatment plants.

(c) The forests play a part in controlling carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere and reduce the level of solid particulate matter and noise, particularly in urban areas. This is one of the objectives of the afforestation programme. Emphasis is being given on planting more broad leaved species, this will help to keep pollutant level down.

(d) The afforestation/tree planting activity is being implemented in every districts of Uttar Pradesh.

[*English*]

NEWS ITEM 'PRIZED EXHIBITS VANISH FROM MUSEUM

81. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Prized exhibits vanish