

in increase in temperature and decrease in annual rainfall, it is difficult to quantify these changes until a detailed time series analysis of the data is carried out.

(d) Being fully conscious of the adverse environmental impact due to deforestation and mining operations in the Valley, the following remedial measures are being undertaken :—

(1) Mining operations in the Valley have been controlled to a great extent;

(2) The polluting industries in and around Dehra Dun are being dispersed to reduce the particulate concentration. A ban has been imposed on setting up of major air polluting industries.

(3) U.P. Pollution Control Board is carrying out monitoring of ambient air quality in Doon Valley to assess pollution load;

(4) A Regional Master Plan is under preparation to ensure that the natural resources in the Valley are optimally utilised.

Activities of Foreigners in Bastar (Madhya Pradesh)

5617. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH :
SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the activities of foreigners in the tribal majority district of Bastar in Madhya Pradesh have again become intensified;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of the purpose behind their visits; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) :
(a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Artificial Rains

5618 SHRI RAM RATAN RAM :
SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH
MALIK :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) how far artificial rains have been found successful in the country;

(b) the names of places where experiments have been conducted for the artificial rains during the last three years;

(c) the future programme chalked out in this regard; and

(d) the funds allocated for the purpose for the year 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS
OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS
(SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Artificial rain making experiments conducted so far have indicated a trend of success.

(b) During the last three years experiments have conducted at :—

(i) Sirur and Baramati (Semi Arid) regions of Maharashtra State;

(ii) Around Madras City;

(iii) Linganamakki catchments area (Karnataka)

(c) In addition to the ongoing experiments in Maharashtra using salt seeding technique, new experiments employing silver Iodide technique are being planned for South India.

(d) Rupees Fourteen Lakhs.

Plan for Scrapping Certain Nuclear Power Plants

5619. SHRI S. M. GURADDI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan to scrap the difficult and erring nuclear power plants; and