

**Clearance of Land in Krishna District Under Nagarjuna Sagar Canal System**

5684. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Department of Forest has vadam Major in Mylavaram Taluk (i) Kakarla Major in Tiruvuru taluk (ii) Vel vadam Major in Mylavaram Taluk (iii) Marusumalli Minor in Muzvid Taulk, etc. all in Krishna district under Nagarjuna Sagar Canal System ;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no forest at the places concerned ; and

(c) if so when the proposal regarding drilling of these canals will be cleared by the Forest Department ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN) : (a) Two proposals were received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the release of forest lands for the construction of Kakarla Major canal, Velvadam Major canal and Marusumalli Minor canal in Krishna District.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The aforesaid proposals of the State Government lacked certain essential details and hence the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requested to furnish such additional information to facilitate an early decision in the matter. No reply has been received from the State Government.

**Recommendations of Committee on Orientation of Forest Education in India**

5685. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the main recommendations of the committee on 'Orientation of Forest Education in India' contained in their final report to Government ;

(b) whether Government have examined

their recommendations and discussed them with the concerned Ministries/Departments to accept them for implementation;

(c) if so, how far the recommendations have been implemented by them;

(d) whether the States and Union Territories were also called for discussion on the Report and if so, the reaction of the States thereto; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) The main recommendations of the Committee on Orientation of Forest Education in India included :

(i) suitable revision of the syllabus for training of forest officials to provide adequate perspective to them on tribal problems;

(ii) Forest Research Institutes and Colleges to monitor tribal development orientation programmes of forest officials and coordinate research programmes connected with shifting cultivation, forest village development etc.;

(iii) training of Planning and Development officers and personnel working in tribal areas in forestry;

(iv) provision of appropriate curriculum at different levels of school and higher education in forestry; and

(v) need for creation of a Council of Forest Research and Education and inclusion of forestry as an optional subject in competitive examinations.

(b) to (e). The recommendations made in the report have been brought to the notice of all State Governments/Union Territories and concerned Central Ministries. The University Grants Commission has already circulated revised guidelines for restructuring of courses in various faculties. The National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development have designed a new course for Bank personnel