

be advisable to constitute a Working Group under the auspices of Planning Commission with active participation of the State Government.

- ii) The Bundelkhand region comprising five districts namely; Jalaun (Orai District), Jhansi, Hamirpur, Banda and Lalitpur located in Vindhya abounds in rocky and barren landforms. Water availability both for drinking, as well as irrigation is scarce. During summer the problem gets accentuated. Water shortage causes poor agricultural production on the one hand and poor employment prospects on the other.
- iii) No big industry is located in the region. The area has a good potential for cottage and village industries such as handmade paper, handloom etc.
- iv) The implementation of the suggestions and recommendations of the Working Group would go a long way in solving the region's problems.

[English]

Ramayana Conference

4874. SHRI P. PENCHALLAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to hold a Conference on Ramayana; and
- (b) if so, the particulars thereof?

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) At present, Government has no proposal to hold a Conference on Ramayana.

- (b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Survey for Army Cantonment in Himachal Pradesh

4875. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a survey was conducted a few years back for establishing an army cantonment at village Averi of Aani Sub-division in district Kullu of Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, how many acres of land is required for this purpose; and
- (c) the stage at which the proposal stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) 300 acres approximately.

(c) The proposal is at a preliminary stage.

[English]

English Medium Schools

4876. SHRI A.K. ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether basic schools with Wardha Culture are dying and English medium schools with Doon culture are flourishing all over the country; if so, facts in detail; and