

**Land Army for Bringing Waste
Land Under Productivity**

3289. SHRI RABI RAY:
SHRI N.J. RATHVA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to constitute a land army to bring waste land under productivity; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELANDS DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) and (b). There is a proposal to set up 'Vaniki Vahinis', during the Eighth Plan, for promoting the 'greening' efforts for ecological restoration and to motivate people for wasteland development as well as provide employment to rural youth, ex-servicemen, etc. As the Eighth Plan is under finalization, details of the scheme cannot be furnished at this stage.

Setting up of Central Projects

3290. SHRI RATILAL VARMA:
SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Central projects proposed to be taken up during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise and year-wise and the estimated cost of each project; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to achieve the target fixed for each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

**Funds for Rural Development to
U.P.**

3291. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD:
SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI SHYAM LAL KAMAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated to Uttar Pradesh for rural development programmes during 1992-93, programme-wise;

(b) the amount allocated under this head during 1991-92;

(c) the total number of rural unemployed youths in U.P. the number of SC/STs. Out of them, and the number of persons likely to be given employment during 1992-93 thereof;

(d) whether role of Banks in the matter of I.R.D.P. grants has been reviewed; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b). The total amount allocated to State of U.P. for various centrally sponsored programmes of rural development during 1991-92 and 1992-93 are as follows:-