

equivalent non-forest land. In case non forest is not available, compensatory afforestation is required to be carried out on degraded forest land twice in extent of the area being diverted. However in certain essential cases such as laying of transmission lines upto 220 KV, construction of roads, minor irrigation works, school buildings etc., compensatory afforestation on double the degraded forest area is permissible, if total forest land to be diverted does not exceed 20 hectares in hilly areas or in any district where forest area exceeds 50% of its geographical area. In respect of proposals involving diversion of forest land upto 1 hectare plantation of 10 times the numbers of trees likely to be felled is required to be done.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In certain cases where diversion of forest area involved is more than 20 hectares compensatory afforestation is being carried out outside the same district due to non-availability of non forest land.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras

1421. SHRI SOBHANADREES
WARA RAO VADDE :
SHRI SHANTARAM
POTDUKHE :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Commission for Agriculture has made any recommendations with regard to establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in each district of the Country;

(b) whether the Government have implemented those recommendations;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the time by which these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir, The recommendation of the Commission was to establish one KVK in each district by 1985 and three KVKs in each districts by the end of 2000 A.D.

(b) While the recommendations were accepted in principle, it has not been possible to adhere to the schedule suggested by the Commission.

(c) So far 183 Krishi Vigyan Kendras have been established. Besides, 78 more KVKs have been approved in principle. Thus, the total number of KVKs be about 261.

(d) The Council has decided to establish 500 Krishi Vigyan Kendras to cover all the districts of the country. It is proposed to establish 120 Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the 8th plan period whereas the remaining 119 will be established in 9th plan period.

Freight Traffic Performance

1422. SHRI S.B.SIDNAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the target of freight traffic fixed on the South Central Railway and the Southern Railway in 1993;

(b) the extent of target achieved; and