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9.	Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Projects Scheme	Promote afforestation and Eco-Development	100%	Ongoing	80.00	673 ha. area covered
10.	Ganga Action Plan*	Pollution abatement of river Ganga	100% Phase I 50% Phase II	Ongoing	1481.00	41 Schemes completed
11.	Eco-development around National Parks and Sanctuaries	Provide alternative sustenance to communities living on fringes of National Parks	100% NR 50% R	Ongoing	36.78	Targets fixed in terms of financial releases
12.	Project Elephant	To ensure long term survival of elephant	100% NR 50% R	Ongoing	13.50	Targets fixed in terms of financial releases

Note : * Externally aided scheme
NA - Not available
NR - Not Recurring
R - Recurring

[English]

Transfer of Production Technology

1285. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

- the steps being taken for transferring the latest production technology to farmers; and
- the tangible results of this effort?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has established Krishi Vigyan Kendras for transferring the latest production technology to farmers through vocational training, frontline demonstrations, on-farm research/testing and inservice training to extension workers at grassroot level. So far, 183 Krishi Vigyan Kendras have been established in 179 districts of the country. In addition, 78 Krishi Vigyan Kendras have been sanctioned recently and are in various stages of establishment.

(b) The Krishi Vigyan Kendras during the year 1994-95, have conducted 14631 vocational training courses benefiting 262999 farmers, farm women and village youths.

Out of the total trainees, 56025 belonged to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes. The other

major extension activities include 1000 field days for demonstrating the production potential and 177 kisan melas.

The frontline demonstrations on oilseeds and pulses involved 99159 farmers. The major crops covered under these frontline demonstrations were mustard, groundnut, sunflower, sesamum, safflower, castor, red gram, chickpea, green gram and black gram. Besides this, 271 on-farm trials/testing have also been conducted for technology assessment and refinement for the benefit of farmers. 689 training programmes were also organized for 14,130 grassroot level extension workers.

Forest Cover

1286. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

- whether the Government have taken steps to widen Forest Cover throughout India;
- if so, the details thereof and the details of Forest Cover, State-wise during the last two years;
- the States that are lacking in Forest Cover and the reasons therefor; and
- the steps proposed by the Government to widen Forest Cover during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State-wise details of the Forest Cover as