

proposal has been received in the Department of Electronics.

(b) Does not arise.
 217 Member of Parliament
Steps to Impart Environmental Information to Parliamentarians

2879. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MEWAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken some specific steps to impart information on basic environmental issues to Parliamentarians, Legislators, Government Officials, environment volunteers and citizens in general and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there are any special short term courses conducted for this purpose;

(c) whether there is any incentive offered by Government for the media e.g. production of films, and other material intended to create environment awareness amongst the people, particularly the students; and

(d) the details of further plans if any, to ensure priority success in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUFRAY): (a) Yes, Sir. Information is imparted on basic environmental issues through various awareness programmes under several schemes of the Ministry to Parliamentarians, Legislators, Government officials, environment volunteers and the general public. Besides, the Ministry is also catering to the specific scientific information needs on environment and related areas to all concerned through its Environmental Information System (ENVIS) programme.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry sponsors short term courses/training programmes from time to time.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government provides financial assistance for the production of films, posters, pamphlets, resource materials, etc. on environment and related areas to create environmental awareness amongst the people especially the students.

(d) All awareness programmes are strengthened to intensify environmental awareness among various target groups.

218 Defence
Selection of Other Ranks in Army

2880. PROF. PREM KUMAR DHUMAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some O.Rs. (Other Ranks) were selected in Army in 1988 for SL Commission (Specialist Commission) in Record Officer category;

(b) if so, whether they were sent for training;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to give these selected O.Rs. (Other Ranks) preference in training this year so that they get commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No, Sir.

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 (b) to (d). Do not arise.

National Literacy Mission

2881. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRI
YAPPA:
SHRI C. SRINIVASAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: