

(b) if so, the details of the participants therein; and

(c) the policy and issues discussed and the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI): (a) Yes, Sir. A Conference on Update on Micronutrients was held in New Delhi on 2-3 September 1993.

(b) The participants included State Government officers concerned with health and nutrition programmes, eminent experts, representatives from concerned Central Government Ministries and non-Governmental organisations.

(c) The magnitude of three major micronutrient deficiencies viz. vitamin 'A' Iron and Iodine was highlighted. An 'Action Plan' for prevention and control of these deficiencies was recommended by the Conference.

[Translation]

Pine Trees

1741. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have granted permission for cutting down the big trees in hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the local people have protested over the cutting down of pine trees; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH):

(a) According to information received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh no permission has been granted for cutting of green trees above one thousand metres in hilly areas of the State. The Government of Himachal Pradesh has also reported that no permission has been accorded for cutting of trees except in the case of regeneration fellings.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[English]

Schools in Tents

1742. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several schools in Delhi are still being located in tents which were to be replaced by the semi-permanent structure by August this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be shifted to semi-permanent or fully permanent schools?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) According to information furnished by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi who are running most of the schools in Delhi, the following number of schools