

**Linking of Ministries/Departments
With Computers**

4077. DR. G. S. RAJHANS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have seen the news item captioned Ministries to be linked by Computers' in the Indian Express dated 22nd July, 1986;

(b) if so, full details in this regard ?

(c) whether a final decision has since been taken to link Government Ministries/Departments with computers; and

(d) to what extent the performance of Ministries/Departments will be boosted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Government of India has set up the National Information Centre (NIC) in the Department of Electronics for assisting Ministries/Departments of the Government of India in organising and developing information systems. In pursuance of this, NIC installs the necessary computer hardware, develops the required computer software, develops and maintains databases, assists in computer-aided analysis of data and gives training to Government officials and staff in computer and systems analysis methods.

During the first phase NTC installed 25 computers in various Government buildings in Delhi connected to a large host computer in the form of a network. It developed more than 150 databases for the Central Government Departments. In the second phase, this network called, NICNET, is being expanded at regional level with super/large mainframe computers located at Delhi, Pune, Bhubaneswar and Hyderabad. In addition, the network will have mini/super-mini computers situated in the State capitals and some other

important cities. It is proposed to connect these computers through satellite communication systems. It is proposed to install smaller computers at the district level. Initially, 100 districts will be covered with small computers connected to micro earth stations. This will be distributed uniformly over the entire country. Small computers in other districts will be added progressively as the need is felt. The regional level and State level computers will be installed by the end of 1986 and the district level by the end of 1987.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The computer network would facilitate the Ministries/Departments to exchange timely and accurate information. This will facilitate the Ministries to compare and correlate information/performances in much faster and accurate way. It will enable to monitor the performances and identify lacunae. These would facilitate the Government to find more cost-effective solutions to the various problems and situations.

[Translation]

Arrest of foreigners without visas

4078. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreigners, without their visas, arrested by Government during the last six months in Jammu and Kashmir, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab and Kerala separately;

(b) the number of Pakistani citizens out of them;

(c) whether some of the Pakistani citizens have been found to be engaged in communal riots and violent and brutal activities; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL

SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Annual Tree Plantation Programme

4079. **SHRI PARASRAM BHARADWAJ :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether in connection with annual tree plantation programme, Government have received certain recommendations of the "Study Team on Firewood" appointed by Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in this regard during the past three year, years-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The report of the Fuelwood Study Committee, released by the Planning Commission in March, 1982 had recommended stepping up the annual fuelwood plantation programme upto 1.5 million hectares per year during the next 10 years to meet the projected fuelwood needs, by developing fuelwood farming as a major agro-forestry farming system.

(c) Afforestation under the 20 Point Programme includes a major component of fuelwood trees. The details of achievements during the last 3 years i.e. 1983-84 to 1985-86 (including the distribution of seedlings under the Farm Forestry Component) are as follows :-

Year	Total afforestation		Farm Forestry	
	Seedlings in lakhs.	*Equivalent in million ha.	No. of seedlings distributed in lakhs.	*Equivalent area in million ha.
1983-84	24177	1.21	11866	0.59
1984-85	26366	1.32	12757	0.64
1985-86	30201	1.51	13913	0.69

* 2000 seedlings is nationally taken as equivalent to one hectare.

Collection of Empty Shell of Bombs From Areas near Military Firing Ranges.

4080. **SHRI SHANTI DHARIWAL :** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to stated :

(a) the system followed in regard to collection of empty shells of bombs from the areas near to military firing ranges;

(b) whether any incidents of collection of shells by children have come to light several times;

(c) the number of accidents resulting therefrom which came to the notice during

the last three years and action taken by Government so far in this matter; and

(d) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) to (d). During practice firing, shells explode in the target area breaking up into small metal fragments which are scattered over a very large area. Its collection by the Army is not considered to be cost effective. However, as far as possible, unexploded shells and grenades are identified and detonated.

There have been incidents of children entering to the firing range area for collec-