

(a) the steps taken in the North-Eastern States especially in Manipur to stop the deforestation by the hill population for jhumming and other purposes;

(b) whether the North-Eastern Council has a role to play in this;

(c) if so, details thereof; and

(d) the quantum and nature of Central assistance given to the States in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) to (c). 9574 Jhumia families have been settled under the schemes implemented by the North-Eastern Council during five year plan periods. These include 1369 families from Manipur. In addition, there are some state sector schemes for settling jhumias and soil conservation.

(d) The Central assistance to the States has been Rs. 428 lakhs for pilot projects for control of jhum, crop husbandry and soil and water conservation.

World Development Report on Economic development

639. DR. B.L. SHAILESH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the 1987 World development report calling upon both the industrial nations and the developing countries to undertake structural adjustments of their economies;

(b) whether the above Report has warned the industrial nations of a "serious risk" that their protectionist policies will set back economic development by many years and inflict suffering on some of the poorest people in the world; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the strategies which it proposes to adopt to meet the challenge from the more protectionist industrial world?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In various international fora, India and other developing countries have emphasised the need for a roll back in protectionism against developing countries' exports to the industrial countries. In addition, the Government has been taking various measures to strengthen its balance of payments position through export promotion and import substitution strategies.

Bio-Technology

640. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Bio-technology revolution in the West is due to close relationship between the universities and the industry; and

(b) whether similar relationship exists in this country between ICAR/CSIR/ICMR etc. and the Industry and if not, the reasons thereof and corrective steps proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENTS, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR)/ Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)/ Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) are having