

days of employment required by rural labour, all Central Programmes provided just 550 million man-days work per year ; and

(d) if so, steps proposed to be taken to tackle this problem of urban/rural unemployment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b). Available information relates to the one given in the Seventh Five Year Plan document. According to the Plan document, 9.2 million persons were usually un-employed in the age group 5 + in March, 1985. According to the same document, employment potential is expected to increase by about 40 million Standard person years (i.e. work for 8 hours per day for 273 days in a year) against an increase of around 39 million persons in the labour force in the age group 5+ during the plan period (1985-90). Since the former figure is higher than the latter, the backlog of unemployed at the end of the Plan would be less than that at the beginning of the Plan.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Central element in the development strategy of the Seventh Plan is the generation of productive employment. The policies and programmes for generation of employment both in the rural and urban areas have been spelt out in the Plan document.

Subsidy to Farmers for Buying Bullock Carts

3011. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any suggestions have been received to make available subsidy to farmers who buy new Bullock Carts made of Steel or Aluminium which will be not only light in weight but also save the scarce wood material ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Development of Gardens Around Taj Mahal and Sarnath

3012. SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI :

SHRI T. BASHEER :

DR. B.L. SHAILESH :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to give a new shape to the gardens around the Taj Mahal and development of gardens at Sarnath, a Buddhist place ;

(b) whether any talks have been held with the American National Park Service in this regard, if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the indigenous technology/expertise etc. in the field are available ; and

(d) if so, the reasons for entering into collaboration with the American National Park Service for the layout of new gardens around the Taj Mahal and Sarnath ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) and (b). The Ministry of Tourism have decided to seek the help of National Park Service, U.S.A. to design a layout for the gardens outside the Taj Mahal, Agra. This has become necessary because land lying behind the Taj across the river is wasteland, prone to erosion and can become a victim of un-planned development and encroachments. Any haphazard growth would make the task of planning touristic infrastructure at a later date more difficult. It has also been decided to seek the help of National Park Service, U.S.A. to carry out similar exercise for planning of enhancement of cultural tourism management of Buddhist site at Sarnath where Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon.

(c) and (d). On Indian side, National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad and the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, other agencies would coordinate the layout of these gardens. The international reputation of National Park Service in National and Cultural Heritage, site planning and management and public information is well suited to the requirements of the