

**Institute of microbial technology and Genetic Engineering at Binur, Punjab**

4172. SHRI CHIRANJI LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) at what stage is the proposal to set up a laboratory-cum-storage unit of the proposed Institute of Microbial Technology and Genetic Engineering at Binur in Punjab; and

(b) by what time it will be set up and the total amount to be spent on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b) The Project Office of Institute of Microbial Technology has been established in Chandigarh. Steps are being taken to acquire an industrial shed on hire in Chandigarh and convert it to a laboratory so that a nucleus of the Institute starts functioning by end of 1983. No site has yet been finally selected for the Institute.

The total investment in terms of laboratory facilities, equipment and residential accommodation during the 6th and 7th Plan period (1st 3 years) will be Rs. 32.50 crores approximately.

**"Maintenance of Ecology Balance"**

4173. SHRI A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have any concrete and comprehensive programme to maintain ecological balance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken for its implementation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The programme entails a package of preventive, curative and promotional me-

asures for control of pollution and conservation of life support systems. Action has been taken to implement the programme through formulation of policies, enactment of laws and gearing up of enforcement machinery, procedure of environmental appraisal, incentives for installation of pollution control devices and conservation of natural resources, eco-development projects and campaigns for promotion of environmental awareness at various levels.

**"Public Awareness Towards Environment Protection"**

4174. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to enlarge the degree of public awareness towards environmental protection and connected matters;

(b) if so, the details of the said plan; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Environment, Government of India has been actively engaged in creating public awareness towards environmental protection and connected matters. A multi-media campaign is being launched by mass media, producing audio-visual films, posters, printed materials, special stamps and calendars highlighting various aspects of environmental protection. News reports, news letters, special issues of journals are also being brought out to focus attention on environmental issues. The Central Board for Prevention and Control of Pollution and the National Museum of Natural History Botanical and Zoological Surveys under the Department of Environment are organising such ac-