

- (vi) Strengthening management and ecodevelopment planning capability.

[*Translation*]

### Study of National Movement

1040. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make the study of history of national movement and its values compulsory upto the Primary and Secondary education;

(b) if so, whether any syllabus has been prepared for that purpose; and

(c) if not, the time by which the said syllabus is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The National Policy of Education (NPE) 1986 has identified the history of India's freedom movement as the first of the ten components of the core curriculum at the school stage.

(b) Yes, Sir. keeping the postulates of the NPE in view, the NCERT brought out in 1988, a National Curricular Framework for all stages of school education. On the basis of the Framework guidelines, the NCERT revised the School syllabi and brought out revised textbooks for classes I to XII in phases up to December, 1990. the NCERT syllabi of courses in History include the history of India's freedom movement. Many elements of the history of freedom movement have also been integrated into the NCERT syllabi of Civics and languages.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

### UN Environment Programme Meeting at Nairobi

1041. SHRI RABI RAY;  
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India attended the special session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme held at Nairobi during the first week of February;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the council thereto; and

(d) the stand formulated by the Council particularly India which is to be taken at the forthcoming Earth Summit in Brazil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Special Session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) was held at Nairobi from FEB; 3-5, 1992. The main items considered in this session were:

- i) The State-of-the-Environment Report of the Executive Director of UNEP for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED).
- ii) Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and its financing.
- iii) UN Secretary General's