

8. *Director, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration*

This position is not vacant.

9. *Director, National Council of Educational Research and Training*

The post of Director, NCERT, fell vacant on 22.2.90. Steps have been initiated for the selection of a successor.

10. *Director, National School of Drama*

Ms. Kirti Jain was appointed to officiate as Director w.e.f. 8th September, 1988 and she is continuing in that post.

11. *Director-General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research*

The post fell vacant at the end of March, 1990. Advance action was taken to fill up the post and the steps for selecting a fresh incumbent are under way.

12. *Indian Council of Life Science*

There does not appear to be any organisation of this name under the Central Government.

Steps to clean Rivers

*560. SHRI MOHAN LAL JHIKRAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the rivers in the country in respect of which action plans are being implemented to clean them and since when;

(b) the extent of work done and the amount spent thereon so far;

(c) the time by which this work is likely to be completed and the estimated cost thereof;

(d) whether the Narmada river has also been included under the scheme to clean the waters of the rivers;

(e) if not, the reason therefor; and

(f) whether there is any future scheme to include this river thereunder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI):

(a) Action Plans are being implemented for cleaning the Ganga, Narmada and Kshipra Rivers. The Ganga Action Plan is being implemented with a full grant from the Government of India and the work was started in 1985. The Narmada Action Plan is being implemented by the Government of Madhya Pradesh; this includes the cleaning of the Kshipra and the work was started in 1986.

(b) Under the Ganga Action Plan, 262 schemes have been sanctioned out of which 135 schemes have been completed. Of the 52 schemes sanctioned for Narmada and the 11 schemes for the Kshipra, works have been completed on 29 and 3 schemes respectively. The total expenditure incurred in the completed and the on-going works of the Ganga and Narmada Action Plan are Rs. 192 crores and Rs. 3.20 crores (upto February, 1990) respectively.

(c) The Works are scheduled to be completed in the Eighth Five Year Plan period. The estimated cost for the remaining works under the Ganga and the Narmada Action Plans is approximately Rs. 160 crores and Rs. 2.85 crores respectively.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f). Does not arise.

[English]

**Clearance to Power and Irrigation
Projects of Rajasthan**

*561. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some power and irrigation projects proposed to be executed in Rajasthan are awaiting the approval of the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the number of such projects sent by Rajasthan Government to the Planning Commission till the end of February, 1990;

(c) the number of projects approved by the Planning Commission for inclusion in annual plan of 1990-91 and also in the Eighth Plan; and

(d) the steps taken to give clearance to the rest of the projects?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). No power project proposed to be executed by Rajasthan Government is pending with the Planning Commission for investment clearance. Two irrigation projects namely, Sidhmukh and Nohar proposed to be executed by the Rajasthan Government in the Eighth Five Year Plan are pending for investment clearance with the Planning Commission. Irrigation and power projects are not directly received from the State Governments in the Planning Commission for investment clearance. These are received from the Technical Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources and the Department of Power respectively. Planning Commission has not given investment clear-

ance to any new irrigation and power project for annual plan 1990-91 of Rajasthan. The Eighth Five Year Plan of Rajasthan is yet to be finalised. The investment clearance of the above mentioned irrigation projects will depend upon the priority to be attached to such projects within the total resources available with the State for Eighth Plan and on the compliance of the prescribed requirements by the State Government.

[Translation]

Literature for Children

*562. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any scheme for preparation of literature for children with a view to making children good citizens by acquainting them with the splendid past and glorious history of India and for its development and promotion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the assistance of voluntary social organisations would be sought as are already working in this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (c). Already a number of programmes are under implementation for preparation of literature for children with a view, inter alia, to making them good citizens by acquainting them with the history and great common cultural heritage of India and the value systems represented in it. Some of the relevant programmes which are in operation are as follows: