and Sanctuaries has been set up in the country for the conservation of wild fauna and flora. Endangered plant species are receiving protection in these protected areas.

## **Admissions in Delhi University**

1139. SHRI RAJENDRA AG-NIHOTRI:

> DR. LAXMINARAYAN PAN-DEY:

SHRI JANARDAN TIWARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of students admitted in Delhi University last year;
- (b) whether this year a decision has been taken to admit lesser number of students in Delhi University;
  - (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) how Government propose to give admission to maximum number of students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DE-VELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) The number of students admitted to under-graduate courses of Delhi University in the academic session 1989-90 was 57,591.

(b) to (d). According to the information furnished by the University, 29,076 seats are available in Colleges for regular students, 3510 in the Non-Collegiate Women's Education Board and 22, 800 in the School for Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education. In addition, 1868 students who have secured 33% to 40% marks in Class XII examination are eligible for admission to the University as private students. A decision has also been taken to admit upto 20%

students over the sanctioned strength of each College wherever necessary. The University Grants Commission has accepted the proposals of the University of Delhi for introduction of various new courses in a number of Delhi Colleges w.e.f. academic session 1990-91 with total intake capacity of about 875 students. The University of Delhi has informed that in order to meet the growing demand for admission, two new Colleges, one at Karampura in West Delhi with a capacity of 300 seats and the other at Shahdara in East Delhi with a capacity of 180 seats, are to be started by Delhi Administration in the current academic year.

Admissions are still on. However, the University has indicated that it should in a position to absorb practically all the eligible students in the current academic year.

[English]

## Presence of Nickel in Consumer Products

1140. SHRI MANDHATA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Food Technology Research Institute, Mysore and the Industrial Toxicology Research Centre, Lucknow could detect the unwarranted presence of nickel in a mass consumer product like the Vanaspatioil, if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;
- (b) the justification of keeping them on the Central Committee for Food Standards and whether Government propose to consider the re-organisation of the Committee to safeguard the interests of consumers; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOL-OGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) Central