

available. There is need to transfer the technology, from one tribe to another. The sacred groves of tribals are well protected and one is not allowed to destroy it. This could be a model for social forestry programmes.

5. Social forestry must be a programme for and by the people with their active participation. The main thrust of this programme has to be in the rural areas. Most programmes when conceived have very good objectives but somehow at the time of execution, due to governmental process, suffer setbacks. This programme for started off well with luminous objectives but later became more a Government's programmes rather than people's programme and as a result, with isolated success stories, it did not make such ground.

6. Contrary to the belief that tribals are destroying forest and ecology, they consume only about one percent of total forest wealth. It is the private contractors in league with officials destroying forest and regenerating ecology and environment.

7. Increasing use of folk media should be done in forestry extension and environment awareness programmes.

8. As it has not been possible to stop shifting cultivation in the last 40 years, we should think of proper technology mix, and selection of specials, which would increase agricultural pattern and reduce the damage to forest.

[*Translation*]

**Defence Deals Under Investigation by  
C.B.I.**

6815. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Defence deals presently being probed into by the Central Bureau of Investigation; and

(b) the time by which their work in each case is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) There are sixteen such cases.

(b) Eight cases are likely to be finalised by the end of the year. It is not possible to indicate a date for the rest.

[*English*]

**Biological Production Centre, Tripura**

6816. SHRIK.B.K. DEBBURMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Biological Production Centre has been or is proposed to be shifted from Tripura to Manipur;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether the Government of Tripura had already spent Rs.25 lakhs on the project and extent of expenditure that is likely to be rendered infructuous with this shifting of the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Regional Language Library in New  
Delhi**

6817. SHRI PALAI K.M. MATHEW: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Regional Languages Library in New Delhi working under the Central Secretariat Library is now functioning in a building in poor condition;