

likely to be constructed and Library opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. A plot measuring 1.47 acres was acquired by Delhi Public Library in 1976 for the setting up of library.

(c) Construction could not be undertaken so far due to financial constraints.

(d) and (e). The funds to Delhi Public Library are allocated on the basis of their proposals vis-a-vis outlays approved for the Plan on an annual lump sum basis. Delhi Public Library will have to work out inter-se priority of its projects and undertake construction.

[*Translation*]

**Vacant Post of Chairman Bal Bhawan Society**

6872. SHRI M.S. PAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of chairman in Bal Bhawan Society is lying vacant since last two and a half years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (c). The post of chairman, Bal Bhawan Society, India has been lying vacant since March, 1988. The issue for appointment of a Chairman is engaging active attention of Government.

**Utilisation of Funds for Ocean Development**

6873. SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fund allocated for ocean development under various schemes during the last three years have not been utilised; if so, the state-wise details of the schemes for which funds were allocated but could not be utilised; and

(b) the amount proposed to be spent during the current year for various schemes for ocean development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) The details of the funds allocated and utilised for ocean development activities during the last three years are given below. There are no schemes under ocean development activities, for which funds are allocated to State Governments. The funds earmarked for various projects/programme are spent through implementing institutions/agencies which are located in different States.

*Rupees in crores*

Year	Budget		Expenditure	
	Plan	Non-Plan	Plan	Non-Plan
1	2	3	4	5
1987-88	20.00	6.73	12.22	4.00

1	2	3	4	5
1988-89 <sup>1</sup>	22.00	7.40	17.96	6.86
1989-90	24.00	7.77	23.51	7.66

(b) The proposed allocation for the current year i.e. 1990-91 is Rs. 35 crores under Plan and Rs. 8.16 crores under Non-Plan for various schemes for ocean development.

[English]

#### **Firms Manufacturing Fire Service Materials**

6874. SHRIN. DENNIS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s Safe Fire Service, Bombay is still manufacturing fire service materials;

(b) whether Defence Ministry is purchasing these materials from them;

(c) if so, since when; and

(d) the details of other firms manufacturing these materials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of House.

[Translation]

#### **Discontentment Among Ministerial Staff in Punjab**

6875. S. ATINDER PAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is discontentment among Ministerial staff in Punjab on account of some of their demands for which they went on strike also;

(b) if so, the details of their demands; and

(c) the action taken on their demands?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c). Some discontentment was noticed recently in a section of ministerial staff in Punjab when the staff had also gone on strike. Some of the demands which they have voiced are removal of anomalies in the revised pay scales, removal of stagnation, grant of time bound promotion and pay scales, higher rate of increment, increase in pay fixation benefit, bonus, house rent allowance for both husband and wife, etc. In response to the appeal by the Govt of Punjab to these Ministerial staff members to withdraw their strike and to create a congenial atmosphere for examination of these demands, the staff had called off the strike with effect from 11th April, 1990.

[English]

#### **Use of Bamboo and Other Forest Produce as Raw Material**

6876. SHRIDILIP SINGH JU DEO: Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the paper mills in Madhya Pradesh are using bamboo and