

- (ii) Rs. 2500/- in the first year of study and Rs. 1500/- in the subsequent years for post-graduate students.
- (c) Thesis and dissertation charges up to a limit of Rs. 1500/-
- (d) Study tour expenses upto a limit of Rs. 1000/-
- (e) Medical expenses as certified by the Medical Officer of the University/Institution.
- (f) House rent upto a limit of Rs. 500/- to those students who have not been provided with hostel accommodation.
- (g) All compulsory fees (excluding hostel charges & caution deposits)
- (h) Air passage cost from Sri Lanka to Madras and 1st class rail fare from Madras to the place of study and back.

Applications for scholarships are invited through the High Commission of India, Colombo, and only those students are considered for award of scholarship who are recommended by the Government of Sri Lanka to the Indian High Commission.

National Forest Fund

6889. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme for which the Government propose to utilise the recently set up National Forest Fund;

(b) the sources that contribute to the National Forest Fund;

(c) the amount of money Government propose to raise annually towards this fund; and

(d) how does the Government propose to distribute the benefits of this Fund to various States/Union Territories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d). There is no proposal to set up National Forest Fund. Details regarding a fund for afforestation have not been finalised.

National Zoological Park

6890. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a high casualty of inmates the capital's National Zoological Park, due to the lack of modern facilities to attend to the sick; and

(b) if so, steps taken to meet this situation and provide modern facilities to attend to the sick?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b). The rate of casualty of inmates in the National Zoological Park, Delhi is not high as compared to other zoos in the country. The quality of food, water, living conditions and medical facilities is being improved in the zoo in order to ensure better longevity of the inmates.

Schemes of Gujarat Pending Clearance

6891. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has