

pating in Social Forestry Programmes?"

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROURAY):** (a) The Social Forestry Programme is implemented in all the States. An important component of the programme is promotion of farm forestry. Farmers are provided seedlings free or at subsidised rates and given technical advice and other help as well as training for raising seedlings and nurseries, planting, etc. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) provides refinance facility to the banks for extending loans at concessional rates to the farmers for raising nurseries and for planting on private wastelands.

In addition, assistance is provided to the farmers under different schemes of the Central Government as given below:

- (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Decentralised People's Nurseries, small and marginal farmers are provided subsidy to cover the cost of raising seedlings.
- (b) Financial assistance is extended to the Voluntary Agencies for raising seedlings and planting on the lands of (small and marginal) farmers belonging to the target groups.
- (c) Degraded farmlands are included under the Integrated Wastelands Development Projects.
- (d) Tree Growers and Farm Forestry Cooperatives are being promoted on a pilot basis.
- (e) Under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, farmers, particularly small and marginal farmers and

those belonging to the weaker sections of society, are encouraged to raise private nurseries and to do tree planting.

- (f) Under the Drought Prone Areas Programme and the Desert Development Programme, subsidy is provided to the private farmers for taking up reclamation of degraded lands for farm forestry, pasture development and raising of nurseries.
- (g) Under the programme of 'Soil Conservation in the Catchment Areas of River Valley projects', assistance is given for tree planting on the lands of private farmers falling within the identified watersheds.

#### **Smuggling of Uranium**

\*728. **SHRI RAM PRASAD CHAUDHARY:**  
**SHRI JANARDAN TIWARI:**

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether uranium is being smuggled out of India to China and America via Nepal;

(b) whether Government have detected any cases of smuggling of uranium and other commodities from India to Nepal during the last two years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check smuggling?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA):** (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The entire mine and mill complex at Jaduguda is already under the security of the Central Industrial Security Force who are on duty round the clock. The place where the product comes out from the plant is fenced and guarded by CISF personnel in all the three shifts to prevent theft of uranium concentrate from Jaduguda.

#### **Expenditure on Festivals**

\*729. SHRI THAN SINGH JATAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the item-wise details of amount spent by Government during 1988 and 1989 on various festivals of art and culture organ-

ised abroad by India and the cultural festivals of other countries organised in India;

(b) whether the expenditure on these festivals has since been audited; and

(c) if so, the salient audit observations made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) A statement is given below.

(b) and (c). Only the expenditure on the Festival of India in Japan has been audited so far, in April–May, 1989. The Audit Report has not been received so far.

#### **STATEMENT**

(a)	<i>Festival of India in the USSR (July 1987–July 1988)</i>	
1.	Inauguration	Rs. 92,77,182.00
2.	Exhibition	Rs. 3,54,09,535.00
3.	Seminars	Rs. 1,25,000.00
4.	Travel and Contingency	Rs. 4,09,76,021.66
5.	Publicity	Rs. 1,12,43,972.62
6.	Closing event	Rs. 49,16,633.00
7.	Expenditure incurred by other departments	Rs. 4,30,00,00.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>14,49,48,344.28</b>

#### *Festival of India in Japan (April 1988–October 1988)*

1.	Performing Arts, Inaugural and Closing events	Rs. 60,16,505.00
2.	Exhibition of Tribal Art Folk Art and Crafts	Rs. 30,00,000.00