

- (iii) It should not be run for the profit of any individual or a body of individuals; and
- (iv) It should not discriminate against any person or group of persons on the ground of sex, religion, cast and creed.

(c) During the last three years i.e. 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 the assistance given to the Voluntary Youth Organisations is as under:

1987-88	—	Rs. 1,57,48,436/-
1988-89	—	Rs. 2,42,91,314/-
1989-90	—	Rs. 2,13,87,131/-

"Involvement of Local Population In Social Forestry Programmes"

7661. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY:
SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is lack of involvement of the local population in the social forestry programme;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to involve the local people;

(c) whether the local people are involved in the choice of species, selection of area, its upkeep and finally the distribution of the produce;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUFRAY): (a) to (d). The Wastelands

Development Programme, which includes Social Forestry, aims at developing active peoples' participation by involving the people and their organisations as well as the voluntary agencies at all stages of the programme, like planning implementation, monitoring, sharing of benefits on common property resources, promotion of grass-roots level structures like tree growers/farm forestry cooperatives, identifying and safeguarding the interests of women and rural poor, choice of species, protection and upkeep of project area, etc.

The methodology being developed under the Wastelands Development Programme is that of micro-planning, which endeavours to utilise land according to site conditions with the full involvement of the local community at all stages of planning and project execution.

(e) Does not arise.

Indian Book Publishing Industry

7662. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Book Publishing Industry in the country is on the decline;

(b) if so, the present position of the country in Book Publishing Industry in the International field; and what was the position of India in this field five years back;

(c) whether Government intends to give any incentive assistance to Book Publishing Houses to promote publication of Books;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total number of titles published in India during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b). No such general statement can be made and no overall assessment has been made regarding the status of Book Publishing Industry in India vis-a-vis that of other countries with reference to a particular year or a time period.

(c) and (d). The following schemes/activities have been undertaken by the National Book Trust, India to encourage Book Publishing Industry:

- (i) scheme for the subsidised publication of books;
- (ii) an exploratory scheme to encourage private publishers and voluntary agencies to produce reading material for the continuing education of neo-literates and school drop-outs;
- (iii) an exploratory scheme to encourage private publishers and voluntary agencies to produce books for children;
- (iv) scheme to set up a National Centre for Children's Literature;
- (v) organisation of book fairs, book festivals and National Book Week;
- (vi) participation in international book fairs to promote export of Indian publications;
- (vii) scheme for financial assistance to registered voluntary organisations for holding book exhibitions/book festivals/book fairs to augment book promotional activities and

(viii) 'Readers' Club movement.

(e) According to the National Library, Calcutta which is responsible for collection of data in India the number of titles published during the last three years for which data are available is as under:—

1985-86	15,720
1986-87	16,970
1987-88	16,886

Modernisation of Ordnance Depots

7663. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to modernise the working of the ordnance depots; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The plans include those for improved security, better fire fighting arrangements, introduction of containerisation and palletisation, improved communications, computerised data processing, and the progressive acquisition of material handling equipment.

Pay Scales of Staff of Pondicherry Education Department

7664. SHRI MANIK SANYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of officers of Ministry of Human Resource Development had visited Pondicherry in October 1989 to discuss the long pending pay anomalies of