(a) the activities/programmes being implemented with Central assistance for lac cultivation: and

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(b) the State-wise number of blocs where lac cultivation has been or is proposed to be taken up with targets achieved during last three years.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOR-

ESTS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMEN-TATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Central Sector Scheme on lac development is being implemented in major lac growing States viz, Bihar, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and Guiarat,

(b) The Statewise information regarding number of blocks and amount sanctioned on lac development in the last three vears is given below:

SI. No.	Name of State	No. of blocks	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Bihar	6	10.80
2.	West Bengal	2	3.60
3.	Uttar Pradesh	2	3.60
4.	Orissa	2	3.60
5.	Gujarat	1	1.80

Minimum Needs Programme

- 4113 SHRI PRAKASH V PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government to include the child care services in the "Minimum Needs Programme":
- (b) if so, whether Government have received a memorandum in this regard; and
- (c) if so, when Government are expected to take a final decision thereon?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISH-WANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). The Government has received a memorandum for the inclusion of childcare services under the Minimum Needs Programme form the voluntary organisations. The recommendations contained in the memorandum are being processed for consideration during the Eighth Plan.

(e) The Plan is under formulation. Details are being worked out. A final view on this

subject will be taken alongwith the finalization of the Eighth Plan.

Indira Mahila Yojana

- 4114. SHRI P. G. NARAYANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have given up implementation of Indira Mahila Yojana;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if not, the number of beneficiaries under this programme in Tamil Nadu during the past one year, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOL-OGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPTT. OF EDUCATION IN THE MINIS-TRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOP-MENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Government has not taken up for implementation any scheme under the nomenclature " Indira Mahila Yojana"

(b) and (c). Does not arise.