

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

**Reserved Forests in Daman and Diu**

\*925. SHRI GOPAL K. TANDEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state the details of areas declared as reserved forest in Daman and Diu districts of the Union Territory, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): The area under reserved forests in Daman and Diu districts is 186.72 hectares and 516.70 hectares, respectively.

**Promotion of Nurseries**

\*929. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to promote people's nurseries, and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the extent of financial assistance provided to the States for the purpose; and

(c) the amount given to the Orissa State during the last three years for implementation of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) and (b). People's nurseries are being promoted under the Centrally sponsored scheme

of Decentralised People's Nurseries, initiated in 1986-87 by the National Wastelands Development Board. The scheme is mainly aimed at developing people's movement for afforestation by setting up village level nurseries through small and marginal farmers, schools, mahila mandals and other non-government organisations. Upto 45 paise per seedling is provided in such cases by way of Central assistance through the State Governments. The total financial assistance provided under the scheme to the State Governments during the Seventh Plan period (upto 1988-89) is given in the statement below.

In addition, people's nurseries are being promoted under the Social Forestry programmes of the State Governments, the Rural Employment schemes of the Rural Development Department and the scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Agencies of the National Wastelands Development Board.

(c) The year-wise amount provided to the Orissa Government during the last three years for implementation of the Centrally sponsored scheme of Decentralised People's Nurseries is given below:—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount (in lakhs of Rs.)</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
1986-87	69.00
1987-88	27.23
1988-89	50.00

**STATEMENT**

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Names of States</i>	<i>Central assistance released from 1986-87 to 1988-89 (Rs. in lakhs)</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	60.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.00