

Celebration of Shri Aurobindo's 125th Birth Anniversary

*289. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sub-committee is being set-up to celebrate the 125th Birth Anniversary of the great patriot and philosopher Shri Aurobindo; and

(b) if so, the composition of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. R. BOMMAI): (a) and (b) The Government has decided to celebrate the 125th birth anniversary of Sri Aurobindo. The celebrations will start on 15th August, 1997. A National Committee to guide the celebrations is being constituted.

Vacancies in Various Institutes of the Ministry

*292 SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of posts of Heads of different Institutes under the Ministry are lying vacant for long periods;

(b) whether in Wild Life Institute of India, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Forest Survey of India etc. large number of posts at lower levels in reserve category are vacant;

(c) if so, the dates since when these posts are vacant;

(d) the reasons for not filling these posts; and

(e) by when these vacant posts are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) A statement is laid on the table of the House as statement—I (see below)

(b) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House as statement—II

Statement I

1. Director, Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur (since January 10, 1997).
2. Director, Forest Survey of India, Dehra Dun (since December 16, 1996).
3. Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehra Dun (since January 25, 1995).
4. Director, Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal (since October 1, 1994)
5. Director, Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore (since June 1, 1991).

Statement II

Name of the Institute/organisation.	No. of posts lying vacant in reserve category at lower levels.	Vacant since when	Reasons for not filling the vacancies	By when the vacant posts are likely to be filled.
1	2	3	4	5
1. Wildlife Institute of India, Dehra Dun.	1	July, 1995	Non-availability of eligible candidates.	At the earliest.