

- (4) In addition to this, M/s SILL is also required to contribute Rs. 12.20 crores towards tribal development.
- (5) M/s SILL has also to pay Net Present Value of Rs. 55 crores.
- (6) M/s SILL has also to pay Rs. 50.53 crores towards Wildlife Management Plan for Conservation and Management of Wildlife around Lanjigarh bauxite mine.

Paints with higher contents of lead

†320. SHRI PRABHAT JHA :

SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE :

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that most of the paints sold in country have higher contents of lead than the ones stipulated by the Bureau of Indian Standards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reason therefor; and
- (c) if answer to the part (a) above be in the negative Government's reaction to the research report by the Centre for Science and Environment on this aspect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH) : (a) and (b) The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has stipulated the Lead contents in paints which are in the nature of product specification and its compliance is voluntary. The labelling under the Eco-mark scheme for various categories of products including paints is not mandatory and is also managed by BIS. The BIS or the Central Pollution Control Board have not undertaken any study to measure Lead contents in paints. Traditionally lead compounds have been used in paints as pigments for getting a particular colour. Of late, some companies have initiated the use of alternate pigments to reduce Lead content in paints.

(c) The report of the Centre for Science and Environment lays emphasis on awareness generation apart from other measures. Awareness creation on environmental issues and eco-labelling is regularly undertaken by various Central and State agencies and non-government organizations (NGOs). BIS has undertaken the task of review of all Indian Standards on paints with respect to Lead content.

Environmental Development Works in West Bengal

†321. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals under his Ministry's consideration for environmental development works in West Bengal; and
- (b) the details of the plan approved by his Ministry during last two years particularly for North Bengal, Darjeeling, Duars and Jalpaiguri?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH) : (a) No proposal relating to environmental developmental works in West Bengal is pending consideration in the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

(b) During last two years an amount of Rs 171.975 lakhs has been released to Sunderbans Biosphere Reserve. Additionally, the revised cost estimate of Rs 135.44 crores for Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) Project at Calcutta Leather Complex under Ganga Action Plan Phase-II has been approved in November, 2007. The said project is funded on 50:50 cost sharing basis with the State Government.

National Network for research on climate changes

322. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had formed a national network of 127 educational institutions to conduct research on climate changes and to provide solutions to farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this national network has submitted any report; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH) : (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment is currently engaged in the preparation of India's Second National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. A network of 127 institutions has been engaged countrywide belonging to Universities, Research and Development Institutions, autonomous institutions of the government, Non governmental organization and private institutions for studies on various aspects of climate change. These include greenhouse gas emissions of anthropogenic origin from sectors such as Energy, Industry, Agriculture, Forestry and Waste, Assessment and impact of projected climate change on key sectors such as Agriculture, Water, Natural ecosystems, Health, Extreme climate events, etc. The findings of the study on climate change scenarios would be relevant for agriculture sector and farmers.

(c) and (d) The network has not submitted any report

Construction of a new dam in Mullaperiyar

323. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL :

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN :

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

(a) whether Government has given permission to Kerala Government for undertaking a forest survey for construction of a new dam in the Mullaperiyar reservoir area; and