

(4) Gram Vigyan Mandals.

VI. *Mahabakihwar Panjiagani Regio-*

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Protection and Development of Forest,  
Augmenting water supply facilities and  
Research and Development Centre.

Development of Tourism,  
Establishment of Ecology

### Poverty line

2525. MISS SAROJ KHAPAR-  
DE : Will the PRIME MINISTER  
be pleased to state :

(a) what is the per capita monthly  
expenditure level in ascertaining poverty  
line in rural and urban areas  
respectively; and

(b) what is the minimum earning  
required by a citizen per month to  
remain above poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN  
THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING  
(SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) For  
ascertaining the poverty line at 1984-85  
prices, the per capita monthly  
expenditure level has been estimated to  
be Rs. 107 in rural areas and Rs. 122 in  
urban areas and this updated poverty  
line has been used in the Seventh Five  
Year Plan. The basis of determining the  
poverty line is the report of the "Task  
Force on Minimum Needs and Effective  
Consumption Demand," Planning Com-  
mission. According to this report, the  
poverty line is the per capita monthly  
expenditure level of Rs. 49.09 in rural  
areas and Rs. 56.64 in urban areas at  
1973-74 prices, corresponding to the  
calories requirements of 2400 per capita  
per day in rural areas and 2100 per  
capita per day in urban areas. This  
poverty line is up-dated for recent years  
by using the Central Statistical  
Organisation Private Consumption  
Deflator (as a proxy for rise in the price  
of the consumption basket).

(b) No specific target has been fixed  
in the Seventh Five Year Plan regarding  
the minimum earning per month  
required by a citizen to remain above  
poverty line. However, the person's  
monthly earning should be

sufficient enough for him to spend at  
least Rs. 107 per month in rural  
areas and Rs. 122 per month in urban  
areas at 1984-85 prices, so as to enable  
him to remain above poverty line.

### Identification of Vidarbha as backward area

2526. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE :  
Will the PRIME MINISTER be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Com-  
mission have identified Vidarbha and  
other regions in Maharashtra as back-  
ward areas for development in the  
Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what is the amount  
allocated for their development region-  
wise during the Seventh Five Year Plan  
period; and

(c) the details of development  
proposed to be undertaken in Vidarbha  
during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN  
THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING  
(SHRI AJIT PANJA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The details of the development  
proposed would be available with the  
State Government.

### दिल्ली में इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र की स्थापना

2527. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :  
क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे  
कि :

(क) क्या दिल्ली प्रशासन इटली के  
सहयोग से इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी के एक प्रशिक्षण  
केन्द्र की स्थापना करने का विचार रखता  
है ; और