

(i) Maximising the afforestation effort and developing a people's movement for this purpose.

(ii) Following up the report of the Committee set up to Study all aspects of encroachments on forest areas, after the report is received.

(iii) Minimising the diversion of forest lands to non-forest use.

(iv) Strengthening the enforcement machinery at the field level.

Playing of tapes containing speeches of Late J. S. Bhindranwale

187. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report appearing in the Hindustan Times of 10th April, 1985 regarding playing and selling of the tapes containing provocative speeches of late J. S. Bhindranwala after pro-Bhindranwale slogans were raised in a Sikh gathering in Punjab attended by Sant H. S. Longowal recently; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN):

(a) and (b) Government have seen the news-item. The matter has been brought to the notice of the Government of Punjab for taking necessary action.

Exploitation of Ocean resources

988. PROF. (MRS.) ASIMA CHATTERJEE:

PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the ocean resources other than fish and salt which are

being exploited by the Department of Ocean Development;

(b) what are the details of such resources exploited from the Continental Shelf areas together with their value per annum during the Sixth Five Year plan period;

(c) how the same compares with the output of the USA and Japan; and

(d) what are the other resources of the ocean which Government propose to exploit during the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The Department of Ocean Development largely carried out survey and exploration of marine resources and does not at present exploit them directly. Ocean resources other than fish and salt, which are being exploited by other agencies, include fresh water from salt water, marine chemicals, such as potassium chloride, sodium sulphate, magnesia, calcium sulphate etc., oil and gas, monazite, ilmenite, rutile and zircon, seaweeds and lime shells.

(b) Data on the exploited value of these resources from the Continental shelf during the Sixth Five Year Plan period are being collected from the different agencies.

(c) After the information has been obtained, it will be possible to compare it with similar data available from USA and Japan.

(d) The other ocean resources which are proposed to be exploited are heavy mineral placers and