

#### Exploitation of natural resources

†4051. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that natural resources are being exploited very fast in the name of development;

(b) if so, whether Government is formulating any concrete and effective scheme for maintaining nature's balance; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) No such data has come to the notice of this Ministry indicating exploitation of natural resources at a very fast pace. Nevertheless, developmental activities do result in exploitation of the natural resources. However, whenever any forest land is diverted for the purpose of developmental works under the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, appropriate mitigative measures are stipulated to minimize the adverse impact of the diversion and to maintain the nature's balance.

#### Promotion of eco-flex

4052. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:

SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

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

(a) whether Government is contemplating to ban PVC flex and to promote eco-flex;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether all leading countries and organizations have abandoned PVC flex and are using eco-flex;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the measures proposed to be adopted to promote eco-flex and ban PVC toxic flex; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?