

**Academic collaboration between NCHMCT and CSHM**

\*199. SHRI JAIPRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved an academic collaboration between the National Council of Hotel Management and Catering Technology (NCHMCT) and Cornell School of Hotel Management, (CSHM), USA;

(b) if so, since when this academic collaboration has been approved with the details of collaboration and to what extent this deal would be useful for India; and

(c) the method of selecting NCHMCT and CSHM and the financial implications involved in this collaboration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI): (a) to (c) Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has not approved proposal of academic collaboration between National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology (NCHMCT) and Cornell University School of Hotel Administration, USA (CSHM).

**Afforestation projects**

\*200. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing any afforestation projects, and if so, the details of the projects;

(b) the details of the funds spent by Government for implementation of these projects in each State including Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) to what extent the afforestation projects have achieved their objectives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) scheme which is a 100% centrally sponsored scheme for ecorestoration of degraded forests in all the 28 States of the country through people's participation. The scheme is implemented through the State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) at the State level, Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the forest division level and the Joint