

### Indian Board for Wild Life

1380. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have restructured the Indian Board for Wild Life;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any guidelines for constituting Committees for the preservation of dwindling species;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is no coordination among different agencies entrusted to preserve these species; and

(e) whether there is any comprehensive scheme to improve the functioning of these agencies ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Indian Board for Wild Life was reconstituted in January, 1991. It is proposed to restructure the Board again. The process has yet not been completed.

(c) Central Government has constituted Steering Committees for "Project Tiger" and "Project Elephant". Central Zoo Authority has also been set up to monitor and oversee the management of Zoos of the country. Expert Committees of Indian Board for Wild Life on plants, birds and Zoos are already in existence.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

### Trapping Monkeys and declaring them as Vermin

1381. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received proposals from some northern states to lift the ban on the trapping of monkeys and declaring them as vermin which would pave the way for their export to industrialised countries;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received from the State Governments of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh and Delhi, State/Union Territory-wise details;

(c) the reaction of Government in regard thereto along with the policy changes, if any, envisaged in this regard; and

(d) whether Government have received any export enquiry from any country in this regard and if so, details thereof along with the decision taken/proposed to be taken thereon;

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Himachal Pradesh Government has submitted proposals for declaring monkeys vermin in the entire state. Haryana Government has also submitted proposals for declaring monkeys as vermin in cities like Faridabad, Gurgaon, Rohtak, Karnal, Sonipat, Ambala and Hissar. No other state has made such proposals.

(c) Declaration of monkeys as vermin is not considered necessary as the State Governments are competent under Section 12 of the Act to get the monkeys trapped and translocated to suitable areas.

(d) Export of monkeys, except for the purposes of display in zoos, is strictly prohibited.

### बक्सर और भागलपुर के बीच गंगा जल का प्रदूषण

1382. श्री गया सिंह : क्या पर्यावरण और जल संवर्धन मह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि बिहार में बक्सर और भागलपुर के बीच गंगा जल के प्रदूषित हो जाने के कारण हजारों लोग विभिन्न रोगों के शिकार हो रहे हैं;

(ख) उक्त योजना का कार्यान्वयन संबंधी व्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि पटना में उक्त योजना के कार्यान्वयन के लिए पाइप लाइन बिछाने के सिधे अनेक सड़कों को खोब दिया

क्या या ओर उसके पश्चात् भूमि को समतल करने का कार्य पूरा नहीं किया गया;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि जमीन को समतल करने का कार्य को पूरा न किये जाने के परिणामस्वरूप पाइप लाइनें टूट गई हैं और पापी के चारों ओर से रिसने के कारण मलैरिया, पीलिया और कालाजार आदि जैसे विभिन्न रोग फैल गये हैं; और

(ङ) यदि हाँ, तो सरकार ने अब तक क्या उपचारी कदम उठाये हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री प्रमोद सिंह) :

(क) सरकार को बिहार में गंगा के जल से हुए प्रदूषण के परिणामस्वरूप किसी भी प्रकार की महामारी होने की जानकारी नहीं है ।

(ख) गंगा कार्य योजना के अंतर्गत गंगा नदी के प्रदूषण के निवारण के लिए बिहार में (एक लाख से अधिक जनसंख्या वाले) श्रेणी I के 4 नगरों के लिए 45 स्कीमें स्वीकृत की गई हैं । इनमें से 35 स्कीमें अब तक पूरी हो चुकी हैं और शेष 9 स्कीमों में कार्य प्रगति पर है ।

(ग) और (घ) जी, नहीं ।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Remarks by Western countries on Narmada Sagar and other projects

1383. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :  
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA-  
KANT BHANDARE :

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

(a) whether during his recent visits to Finland, Germany and England he sternly deprecated some western countries' remarks about the Narmada Sagar and other projects as interference in India's internal affairs;

(b) if so, the details of the remarks and reservations referred to by him indicating source and content of the remarks; and

(c) what is the respective Governments' reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Narmada issue also figured in the wide ranging discussions during the recent visit to Finland, Germany and United Kingdom. The Indian stand that "Right to Development" is one of the most basic human rights was reiterated and it was made clear that while technical help and constructive suggestions for environmental protection will be appreciated, it would be difficult to tolerate outside interference in projects which form part of the national goals and priorities of the Government of India.

The United Kingdom and German delegation appreciated India's stand point.

#### Botanical Gardens

1384. DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the deteriorating conditions of the Botanical Gardens in the country;

(b) what measures are being taken for their development and preservation; and

(c) what is the annual expenditure being incurred on the Botanical gardens ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) No serious deterioration has been observed in the botanical gardens in the country. However, environmental pollution is a source of damage to plants in the gardens particularly in the industrialised metropolitan areas.

(b) and (c) The botanic gardens under the control of the Botanical Survey of India are being developed through enrichment of new introductions of rare and endemic plants and developing orchidaria, green houses, tissue culture laboratories and seed banks. In addition, a scheme for providing assistance to the Botanic Gardens and Field Centres for the conservation and propagation of endemic, rare and endangered plants has been taken up to