

White Tiger Safari i., Zoological Parks

826. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT
AND FORESTS be pleased to state—

(a) whether any decision has been taken to provide White Tiger Safari in some Zoological Parks of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such Tigers are to be imported;

(d) if so the name of the country of import;

(©) whether Government proposes to provide such Tigers to Zoological Parks of major metropolitan cities of the country; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND
FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA
GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

India's assessment of warlike situation in the
Gulf

827. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will
the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) what is the assessment of Government with regard to the prevailing warlike atmosphere in the Gulf; and

(b) whether Government propose to activate the third world countries to diffuse the crisis?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN
SHUKLA): (a) and (b) The situation in the Gulf region is serious and tension is building up as we approach the deadline of January 15, 1991 laid down in UN Security Council Resolution 678 for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. Government are of the view that a war would not be a viable solution to the crisis and are in touch with other countries in this regard.

Environment clearance of Narmada River Project

828. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND
FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether environment clearance given to SSP of Narmada River Project is being reviewed with a view to halt the semi-finished Sardar Sarovar Project; and

(b) whether the Prime Minister's assurance recently given to environmentalists opposed to Narmada Dams for comprehensive review has affected in any way the environmental Department's processing of the Narmada Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND
FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA
GANDHI): (a) Narmada Sagar and Sardar Sarovar Projects were accorded environmental approval in June, 1987 with the proviso that Environmental Action Plans should be prepared by 1989 for pari-passu implementation with the construction works. Since these plans were not yet ready, it was decided in September, 1990 that the Narmada Control Authority should approach the Ministry of Environment & Forests for a formal extension of time. No request for extension has, however, been received so far.

(b) No, Sir. The projects were considered and approved in 1989.

STD facilities to the Tehsil towns in the country

829. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO
PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNI-
CATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for providing STD facilities to the Tehsil towns all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by when these facilities are likely to be provided; and

(d) the names of the towns which are likely to be connected by STD facilities upto 31st March 1991?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH: (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Subject to the availability of the equipment, it is proposed to provide STD facility at all sub-divisional, equivalent Tehsil/Block development headquarters; exchanges of capacity 500 lines and above as on 1-4-90; tourist centres, industrial growth centres 7 pilgrin centres during the 8th plan period.

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Modernisation of Hirakud Dam Project

830. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA; Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have sent a proposal for modernisation of Hirakud Dam Project;

(b) whether it is a fact that World Bank has agreed to finance this project;

(c) if so the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (d) Modernisation of Hirakud Dam Project (distribution system) after examination was returned to the State Government in May, 1989. The State Government is required to prepare modified project report. However, the World Bank have indicated their willingness to finance the project proposal for remedial measures on the Hirakud Dam. Details thereof have not been finalised.

Inquiries from the Soviet Union about Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

831. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI KAPIL VERMA: SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL: KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have instructed the Indian Embassy in Moscow to make inquiries with the Soviet Government about the possibility Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose having taken shelter in the Soviet Union after the Second World war;

(b) if so, what is the progress made in this regard; and