

Finalisation of Soliga primer level II and preparation of primer level III.

Jenukuruba primer level II & preparation of primer level III

Lakshdweep

Primers level I, 2, 3 & 4 Mail for use in Minicoy. These books are published by the Lakshdweep administration and used in schools.

Nagaland

Pre-school primer in 16 Naga languages (Angami,, Kuki, Zeme, Liangmai, Rongmai, Chokri, Khezha, Lotha, Ao, Sema, Konyak, Phom, Chang, Sangiam by Yimchunger and Kijiamungan) were published by the Institute and used experimentally in schools. The manuscript for primers level I & II published by the Institute were given to the Government of Nagaland for publication by them.

Rajasthan

Wagdi, revision of primer level I and II. Preparation of primer level III First draft of school dictionary.

Tripura

Kok Borok Preparation of Bengali primer for Kok Borok children.

About 2000 teachers in Nagaland in these languages were given training in language teaching methodology. Soliga teachers in Karnataka were given orientation in the use of Soliga-Kannada bilingual primer.

In addition to the above the Institute assisted the tribal Research Centre, Ooty to prepare Irula primer I and assisted the Department of Education, Government of Madhya Pradesh in the evaluation of tribal primers. Both were done through NCERT. The teachers of tribal education in Rajasthan, Lakshadweep, Tripura were given training.

Rhinoceroses in Kaziranga National Park

1442. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of One Horned Rhinoceroses in the Kaziranga National Park in Assam and what measures have been taken by Government to protect them and to increase their number;

(b) whether he has ever visited the park to take stock of the position; and

(c) if not, whether he is likely to visit the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) (i) The estimated population of the one-horned rhino in the Kaziranga National Park is 1250.

(ii) The measures taken by the Government to protect the rhinos in the Kaziranga National Park and to increase their number include:—

(a) The rhino has been placed in Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, thus giving it the maximum possible legal protection.

(b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme “(Conservation of Rhinos in Assam)” is being implemented since 1986-87 for expansion and better protection and management of the rhino habitats, including the Kaziranga National Park. The scheme includes strengthening of protective infrastructure through provisions of arms, vehicles, wireless sets, provision of additional Staff, construction of roads, survey and acquisition of land, reward to informers, anti-flood measures, etc.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) A visit to the Kaziranga National Park has not been planned for the present.