

effect but are not aware of any such media offensive by the Sri Lankan Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Boat hotel projects to promote holiday tourism

1194. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have again revived the idea of a boat hotel in the form of the Ganga Yatra boat to ply between Varanasi and Allahabad as a part of its efforts to promote holiday tourism;

(b) if so, by when this project is likely to be implemented and what is its capital outlay;

(c) whether any other similar project is also under Government's consideration;

(d) whether these projects will also cover some places in Rajasthan which have got tourist potential from historical and architectural point of view; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) India Tourism Development Corporation has a proposal for a river cruise on the Ganga in a floating hotel. The proposal is at a very preliminary stage and the details are yet to be worked out.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Retrospective study on Indian Wildlife

1195. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up an action plan identifying ten phases for conducting a retrospective study on Indian wildlife;

(b) if so, what are its broad outlines; and

(c) the spheres of the study proposed to be conducted in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) and (b) A National Wildlife Action Plan has been adopted with the following ten main components:

(1) Establishment of a Representative Network of Protected Areas.

(2) Management of Protected Areas and Habitat Restoration.

(3) Wildlife Protection in Multiple Use Areas.

(4) Rehabilitation of Endangered and Threatened Species.

(5) Captive Breeding Programmes.

(6) Wildlife Education and Interpretation.

(7) Research and Monitoring.

(8) Domestic Legislation and International Conventions.

(9) National Conservation Strategy.

(10) Collaboration with Voluntary Bodies.

(c) The different activities proposed under the Action Plan cover the entire country, including Rajasthan.

Collection of funds by Akali Dal in Punjab

1196. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports about collection of huge funds by the Akali Dal in Punjab; and

(b) whether an inquiry into the matter has been conducted by the Central Government and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) Government are aware of the collection of funds by the party.