

national importance, as there is no proposal with the Archaeological Survey of India to declare them.

(c) Under Section 4 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, ancient monuments which are of historical, archaeological or artistic interest and which have been in existence for not less than 100 years can be declared protected by the Central Government provided these are considered as of national importance, through a notification in the official Gazette of India.

(e) Question does not arise.

Financial assistance to Bihar

3225. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated under Centrally sponsored schemes under the Ministry to Bihar State during financial years 1998-2004 and 2004-2010;

(b) the amount released against above allocation during above period, scheme-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the amount already spent by the Bihar Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Threat to animal species by oil spill

†3226. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) the ill effects entailing oil spill in the sea;

(b) the places along Indian coastal borders facing greater threat;

(c) the names of animal species that perished from pollution in the last ten years; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The oil spill causes deleterious effects on marine environment including marine organisms (living resources).

(b) The places along Indian coastal areas having greater threat are: (i) Gulf of Kachchh; (ii) Mumbai; (iii) Mangalore; (iv) Kochi; (v) Visakhapatnam; (vi) Chennai; (vii) Tuticorin; (viii) Paradip; (ix) Hooghly; (x) Lakshadweep; and (xi) Port Blair.

(c) and (d) The occurrence of majority of marine organisms are identified upto group level and data collected so far have not indicated perishing of any major group of organisms along Indian coastal water due to oil spill.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.