

Statement**POTATO**

Supply of disease free potato seed is one of the most important factors in increasing production. The programme of seed production and requirements of various States is properly monitored twice every year. The variety-wise production programme of breeders, foundation stage I, foundation stage II and certified seeds by different organisation and States of the country is carefully prepared. The seed so multiplied is distributed to the growers. Besides, the State Governments have been advised to launch a motivational campaign to increase the production of potatoes through the following measures:—

(i) Adoption of full package of practices over large area,

(ii) To increase the coverage under improved varieties of potatoes, and

(iii) To increase the area under the crop.

ONION

There is no Centrally Sponsored Scheme for increasing production of onion. In some of the onion growing States Department of Agriculture/Horticulture distribute good quality seed and advise the farmers on the cultivation techniques of the crop through their normal extension agencies.

Census of rare wild animals

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the last census of rare wild animals like lions, tigers and cheetahs was undertaken; and

(b) what are the details of the census as compared to those of the previous census of these species of wild animals?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA):

(a) The last census of lions was carried out in Gir Sanctuary in 1974 and that of tigers in the country in 1972; the cheetah is believed to be extinct in India since 1948.

(b) The lion population which was 177 as per census carried out in Gir Sanctuary in 1968, has increased to 180 as per 1974 census. According to 1972 census figures, the estimated population of tigers stood at 1844, which has increased to 2202 recently.

निर्माण और आवास विभाग में द्विभाषी नाम पट्टों का प्रयोग

626. डा० लोकेश चन्द्र: क्या निर्माण और आवास तथा पूर्ति और पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या निर्माण और आवास तथा पूर्ति और पुनर्वास मंत्रालय के निर्माण और आवास विभाग के अधीन दिल्ली स्थित सभी कार्यालयों में द्विभाषी नाम पट्ट प्रयोग किये जा रहे हैं ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इन कार्यालयों में सभी नाम पट्ट कब तक द्विभाषी कर दिये जायेंगे ?

†[Use of Bi-lingual name plates in the Department of Works and Housing

626. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether bi-lingual name plates are being used in all the offices located

†[] English translation.