

(b) The present estimated population of tigers is 20.

Project Tiger Authorities of Ranthambhor Game Reserve of Rajasthan

108. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Project Tiger Authorities of Ranthambhor Game Reserve in Rajasthan have issued leaflets to villages to use guns and to fire 'blanks' so as to scare away those animals which might enter their fields; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to stop such poaching in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes. The Project Tiger Authorities have issued leaflets for killing wild boars destroying field crops in pursuance of State Government orders issued on 10th September and 11th October, 1977 respectively.

(b) The Project Authorities are vigilant against poaching.

Deep Sea Fishing

109. SHRI IBRAHIM KALANIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state what is Government's present policy in regard to Deep Sea fishing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): Government's present policy in regard to Deep Sea Fishing is to encourage Indian enterprises to introduce as many Deep Sea Fishing Vessels as possible in the shortest possible time, in order to increasingly utilise the available fishery resources in the 200 mile Exclusive Economic Zone.

Countries invited in the Third World Book Fair, New Delhi.

110. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries which have been invited to participate in the Third World Book Fair to be held in New Delhi early next year; and

(b) the names of the countries which have accepted the invitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI RENUKA DEVI BARKATAKI):

(a) and (b). A statement is attached.

Statement

Countries invited in the Third World Book Fair, New Delhi

(a) The names of countries which have been invited to participate in the Third World Book Fair to be held in New Delhi from February 11—20, 1978 are as under:

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, German Federal Republic, Ghana, Greece, Holland, Hongkong, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Mauritius, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherland, Newzealand, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Pakistan, Paraguay, People's Republic of China, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Senegal, Singapore, Scotland, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Srilanka, Switzerland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Thailand, U.K., U.S.A., U.S.S.R., Uganda, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia;

(b) 17 foreign publishers from UK, USSR, USA, Federal Republic of Germany, German Democratic Repub-

lic, Egypt, Ghana, Zambia and Singapore have accepted the invitation so far.

Last date for receipt of applications for booking of the stalls in the Fair is 30th November, 1977.

Favouritism in Appointments/Promotions in NCERT

111. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases of favouritism in appointments and promotions in NCERT have recently come to the notice of Government; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) They are under examination.

Refund of excess amount to the Allottees of plots in Ghonda in Delhi

112. SHRI KRISHNA NAND JOSHI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 122 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th June, 1977, and state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to refund the excess amount charged from the allottees of plots measuring 68.75 sq. meters in C-Block in Ghonda in Delhi; and

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

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Such minor differences are unavoidable and have to be ignored.

Non-issue of No Objection Certificates for Sale/Purchase of Urban Houses in Kalu Sarai

113. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the abadi area of village Kalu Sarai near I.I.T. Hauz Khas on Mehrauli Road is free from acquisition by the DDA; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which 'NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATES' not being given by the concerned authority for the sale/purchase of urban houses within the "Lai Dora" area of the said village?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) , and (b). No, Sir. They Abadi area of the village is covered by the Notification. However, in such cases, on application being made to him, the question of the grant of 'No Objection' certificate is considered on merit by the Competent Authority under the Delhi Land (Restriction) Act 1972.

Kerala Housing Boards Scheme for Construction of Houses

114. SHRI S. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala State Housing Board has recently forwarded a scheme to the Central Government for approval and financial aid from HUDCO for construction of houses for economically weaker sections of the society and also for the kudikidapukars in the State;

(b) whether it is a fact that the HUDCO has agreed to extend the financial assistance for the construction of houses only in urban areas and that too only for 1000 houses; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to extend the scheme for the benefits of rural areas also?