

Steps to preserve wild life population

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the wild
life population in the country, outside
the national parks and sanctuaries is
facing danger of extinction; and

(b) if so, what steps Government
propose to take to preserve wild life
outside the national parks and sanctu-
aries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND
IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP
SINGH): (a) and (b). A statement is
laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Some of the important steps
taken in recent years to preserve the
wildlife population in the country out-
side national parks and sanctuaries
are:—

(i) With the enactment of the
Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 which
has now been adopted by all but two
States, special legal protection has
been given to the endangered species
from exploitation and stringent puni-
shment provided for infringement of
the provisions of the Act. Further the
Schedules of the Act have been re-
cently altered transferring many
species to Scheduled—I of the Act
wherein hunting is banned and also
including many new species under
other Schedules.

(ii) Export trade of most of the
threatened species have been control-
led particularly since India became
a Party in 1976 to the Convention on
International Trade in Endangered
Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

(iii) With wild life conservation
making significant progress during
the last few years, emphasis has been
laid on specialised management of
wildlife and its habitat both within
and outside the national parks and
sanctuaries. With this in view specia-
lised wildlife wings have been set up
in majority of States/Union Territo-
ries, the officers of which would ulti-
mately be incharge of all wildlife
matters.

**Steps to meet sugar demand in the
country**

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

(a) whether Government's attention
has been drawn to a news item which
appeared in the "Business Standard"
of the 6th November, 1977 under the
caption "sugar crisis artificial"; and

(b) if so, what steps Government
have taken for releasing sugar to meet
the public demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU
PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). A
statement is laid on the Table of
the Sabha.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The free sale quota released for
October 1977, was 1.30 lakh tonnes.
With a view to further improve the
supplies of sugar in that month the
validity period of additional 20,000 ton-
nes of free sale quota released on