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TIGER POPULATION IN INDIA

967. SH RIM ATI LAKSHMI KUMAR I CHUNDAWAT : SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA:

Will the Minister of 'AGRICULTURE be pleased to state : the present tiger population in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH): According to the country-wide census conducted the total number of tigers in the country is 1827 as stated below :—

| Sl. No. | State | Number |
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| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 35 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 69 |
| 3. | Assam | 147 |
| 4. | Bihar | 85 |
| 5. | Gujarat | 8 |
| 6. | Kerala | 60 |
| 7. | Manipur | 1 |
| 8. | Madhya Pradesh | 457 |
| 9. | Meghalaya | 32 |
| 10. | Maharashtra | 160 |
| 11. | Mysore | 102 |
| 12. | Nagaland | 80 |
| 13. | Orissa | 142 |
| 14. | Rajasthan | 74 |
| 15. | Tamil Nadu | 33 |
| 16. | Tripura | 7 |
| 17. | Uttar Pradesh | 262 |
| 18. | West Bengal (excluding 4/5 of Sunderbans area) | 73 |
| TOTAL | | 1827 |

DESPATCH SECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PRESS, SANTRAGACHI

968. SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALL Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Despatch Section for supply of printed material from the Government

of India Press at Santragachi in West Bengal.

(b) if so, the procedure or the mode followed at present for despatch of printed materials from the Press; and

(c) when a Despatch Department is expected to be opened in the Press ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major portions of the printing work carried out by this Press is for offices located at Calcutta. The printed materials are either collected by the departments concerned themselves or delivered by the Press. Those for out-station indentors are got despatched through the Government of India Press, K. S. Roy Road, Calcutta.

(c) This will be done if it is felt that the setting up of a despatch section is sufficiently justified.

Allotment of Tickets/ Passes of cricket Test Matches

969. SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN GUPTA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Nawab of Pataudi was not allowed any complimentary pass to witness the Test Cricket Match in December, 1972 at Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that no complimentary pass nor any ticket on payment issued to M.Ps., either in Delhi or Calcutta to witness the last Test Cricket matches there;

(c) whether it is a fact that 16 tickets were allotted to each of the Ministers of West Bengal Government and, two tickets to each of the West Bengal MLAs on payment; and

(d) what, are the criteria applied either in the matter of issuing complimentary passes or allotment of tickets in the Cricket Test Matches ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The Board of Control for Cricket in India has informed that Delhi and District Cricket Association issued a press reporter's, pass to Shri Mansoor Ali Khan in his capacity as sports reporter of Calcutta daily.

(b) to (d) The policy for distribution and selling of tickets and issue of complimentary tickets is a matter on which decision rests in the hands of the local cricket associations, arranging these test matches at respective centres. All these are private bodies. Government of India is not concerned.

STADIUM FOR CALCUTTA

970. SHRI DWIJENDRALAL SEN GUPTA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was any plan of the Union Government for construction of stadium for games in Calcutta;

(b) if so, what was the amount involved; and

(c) the site selected for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) A request has been received from the Government of West Bengal for loan assistance to the extent of Rs. three crores for construction of a

Stadium in Calcutta. The matter is under discussion.

Government has also decided to construct a Swimming Pool and a Gymnasium at Calcutta at an approximate cost of Rs. 30 lakhs. The sites for both the Stadium and also for the Swimming Pool have yet to be selected.

PRINTING CAPACITY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PRESS SANTRAGACHI

971. SHRI SARDAR AMJAD ALI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) the installed printing capacity of materials per year in the Government Press at Santragachi in West Bengal:

(b) whether the capacity is being fully utilised;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) when Government expect to fully utilise the installed capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) and (b) A statement showing the printing capacity of the Press and its utilisation during 1971-72 is given in the attached statement.

(c) Shortage of reel paper, accounting for 24.2% of the total machine time in the case of Rotary machines, was the major reason for the capacity not having been fully utilised.

(d) This is constantly engaging the attention of the management.

STATEMENT

Printing capacity of the Government of India Press, Santragachi and its utilisation during 1971-72

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| Potential capacity (annual) on the basis of Printing machines and sanctioned strength for the day and night shifts. | | 1,06,020 machine hours. |
| Actual machine hours during 1971-72 | | |
| Flatbed machines | 64151 | |
| Rotary machines | 42119 | 1,06,270 machine hours (including overtime) |