

in the tiger reserves having low density of these animals. Successful reintroduction of tigers has been done at Panna (Madhya Pradesh) and Sariska (Rajasthan) Tiger Reserves, where the tiger population became locally extinct, as a collaborative initiative of the Central Government, Wildlife Institute of India and State Governments, as per standard procedure.

(b) Mortality of a tiger, reintroduced in June, 2008, has been reported by the State on 14.11.2010. Action has been taken by the State authorities to ascertain the cause of death.

(c) Besides intensive patrolling and antipoaching operations, action has been taken for tracking of tigers using radio telemetry. Central assistance has also been provided to make the core/critical tiger habitat inviolate through voluntary relocation of villages within the ambit existing statutory provisions.

Disposal of toxic wastes from Union Carbide factory

2817. SHRI S. THANGAVELU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the toxic waste consisting of 96 MT of Sevin and Naptal residue, 30 MT of reactor residue, 56 MT of semi processed pesticides and 165 MT of excavated waste are still dumped in the Union Carbide factory in Bhopal; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken by Government for safely disposal of these toxic wastes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Toxic wastes consisting of 96 WIT of Sevin and Naptal residue, 30 MT of reactor residue, 56 MT of semi processed pesticides, 165 MT of excavated waste has been collected and kept safely in a secured godown within the UCIL premises, Bhopal. The responsibility for waste disposal pertaining to the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster has been entrusted to the Government of Madhya Pradesh. The Ministry of Environment and Forests has constituted an Oversight Committee to provide oversight and support to the Government of Madhya Pradesh in this regard.

Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project

2818. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project has been launched by Government in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features of the said project;