

REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF INDIAN TIGERS, LEOPARDS AND GIR LIONS

330. SHRI M. K. MOHTA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the extent to which the number of Indian tigers, leopards and Gir lions has been reduced during the last three years :

(b) whether a special committee is proposed to be set up to study ways and means to conserve the species ;

(c) whether poaching and smuggling of skin of rare animals is being done by poachers on large scale and that skins of rare species although banned continue to flood the Calcutta market from the neighbouring States of Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa ; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) Since systematic census of tigers, leopards and lions has not been conducted annually in the last three years, the extent to which the number of these animals has been reduced is not known. The number of Gir lions was 177 in the year 1968 when the last census was conducted. A countrywide census of tigers is arranged to be conducted during this summer and the number of tigers is likely to be known in the next few months.

(b) A task force consisting of 11 members including leading Naturalists and Conservationists, with the Chairman, IBWL, as the head of the Task Force has been constituted recently to draw a detailed project for the conservation of the tigers in the country within a period of three months. A committee has also been set up to find a suitable alternative home for the Indian Lion.

(c) Large scale poaching is not reported by the States. It is likely that smuggled skins get into Calcutta market from neighbouring States because there is no ban or restriction on the movement and internal trade of the skins in many States. There is a ban only on the export of skins of rare animals.

(d) A comprehensive Central Legislation to regulate the movement and trade of wild life products is under consideration to check shooting and smuggling.

बेरोजगार शिक्षक

331. डा० भाई महावीर :

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :

श्री वी० के० सखलेचा :

क्या शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि इस समय देश में कितने शिक्षक बेरोजगार हैं ?

UNEMPLOYED TEACHERS

331. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR : SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: SHRI V. K. SAKHALECHA :

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state the number of teachers in the country who are unemployed at present?]

शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्रालय तथा संस्कृति विभाग में उप-मंत्री (प्रो० डी० पी० यादव) : रोजगार कार्यालय के चालू रजिस्टर पर 3-12-71 को प्रशिक्षित अध्यापकों की संख्या 1,51,240 थी । इनमें प्रशिक्षित स्नातक 22683 तथा प्रशिक्षित स्नातकोत्तर 4704 थे ।

f [THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (PROF. D. P. YADAV) : The number of trained teachers on the live register of employment exchanges as on 31.12.71 was 1,51,240. Of these 22,683 were trained graduates and 4,704 trained post-graduates.]

STEPS TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTION OF SUGAR

332. SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to meet the increasing demand of sugar in the country ;

(b) the number of licences issued for substantial expansion of the existing plants or opening of new plants to reach the production target; and

(c) the number of these licences utilised and the extent of such utilisation ?

†[] English translation.