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| 3. | Slender-billed Vulture | <i>Gyps tenuirostris</i> | Accipitridae | CR |
| 4. | Red-headed Vulture | <i>Sarcogyps calvus</i> | Accipitridae | CR |
| 5. | Pink-headed Duck | <i>Rhodonessa caryophyllacea</i> | Anatidae | CR |
| 6. | White-bellied Heron | <i>Ardea insignis</i> | Ardeidae | CR |
| 7. | Sociable Lapwing | <i>Vanellus gregarius</i> | Charadriidae | CR |
| 8. | Christmas Frigatebird | <i>Fregata andrewsi</i> | Fregatidae | CR |
| 9. | Jerdon's Courser | <i>Rhinoptilus bitorquatus</i> | Glareolidae | CR |
| 10. | Siberian Crane | <i>Grus leucogeranus</i> | Gruidae | CR |
| 11. | Bengal Florican | <i>Houbaropsis bengalensis</i> | Otididae | CR |
| 12. | Himalayan Quail | <i>Ophrysia superciliosa</i> | Phasianidae | CR |
| 13. | Spoon-billed Sandpiper | <i>Eurynorhynchus pygmeus</i> | Scolopacidae | CR |
| 14. | Forest Owlet | <i>Heteroglaux blewitti</i> | Strigidae | CR |

CR: Critically Endangered.

Pampa action plan in Kerala

2194. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- whether Government has approved Pampa action plan for the river Pampa in Kerala;
- if so, the details thereof;
- the reasons for the inordinate delay in its implementation; and
- the action Government has taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) to (d) The Pampa Action Plan for abatement of pollution of river Pampa in Kerala was sanctioned in May, 2003 for an amount of Rs. 18.45 crore under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) on 70:30 cost sharing basis between the Central and State Governments. Central share in the project is Rs. 12.92 crore and State Government share Rs. 5.53 crore. The project includes sewerage system and sewage treatment plants, bathing ghats, community toilets, public participation etc. at Pamba and Sabrimala. So far the non-core works namely bathing ghat, public awareness and community toilets have been

completed under the plan. However, major core works are yet to be commenced by the State. Against the Central Government's share, Rs. 2.78 crore has been released to the State. A total expenditure of Rs. 7.68 crore has been reported on completion of non-core works.

The implementation of this project has been delayed due to non-availability of the required land and delays in tendering process. To expedite progress of project, the Central Government has pursued the matter several times with the State Government.

Forest clearance to coal mines and thermal power projects

2195. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any information regarding the number of the coal mines and thermal power projects given forest clearance by the Ministry from 2005 onwards till 31 July, 2011; and

(b) if so, the details of the total forest land diverted for coal mining and thermal power projects, area-wise and project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) and (b) Central Government during the period from 2005 onward till 31st July, 2011 accorded 148 approvals under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 36,185.185 hectares of forest land for coal mining (including renewal of mining leases) and thermal power projects. Project-wise and area-wise detail of the same is given in Statement.

Statement

A. Details of coal mining projects for which final/stage-II approval under the forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has only been accorded during the period from 2005 onward till 31st July, 2011 (i.e. in-principle/stage-I approval was accorded prior to 2005)

| Sl. No. | Name of Project/Project Proponent | State | District | Area diverted (ha.) |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Venkatesh Khani coal mine project of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) | Andhra Pradesh | Khammam | 11.96 |
| 2. | Shanti Khani extension coal mining project of M/s SCCL | Andhra Pradesh | Adilabad | 290.77 |
| 3. | Gouthami Khani (Phase-I) coal mining project of M/s SCCL | Andhra Pradesh | Khammam | 161.31 |