

Municipal Committee, they charge Rs. 2.50 and Re. 1/- respectively per month per child in Nursery schools/Classes run by them. However, some of the private Nursery Schools are charging high tuition fees. The question of registration and recognition of the Pre-Primary Schools and conditions thereof is under consideration.

**Report of Sarkar Committee on Cow Protection**

113. SHRI PRAKASH VEER SHASTRI :  
 SHRI OM PRAKASH TYAGI :  
 SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT :  
 SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA :  
 SHRI SAT PAUL MITTAL :  
 SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR SINGH :

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

(a) whether the Sarkar Committee on Cow Protection has submitted any report to Government;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof;

(c) if not, what are the reasons for delay in submitting the report; and

(d) when the Committee was constituted and by when it is likely to complete its work ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The Committee presently engaged in finalising the report and had requested the Government for some more time to enable it to submit the report to the Government.

(d) The Committee was initially constituted on 29th June, 1967 and had to be reconstituted on 7th April, 1972, following the withdrawal of the Sarvadaliya Goraksha Mahabhiyan Samiti from the Committee. The Committee is now required to submit its report by 31st May, 1977.

**Damage to Irrigation Embankments in Assam**

114. DR. RAJAT KUMAR CHABRA-BARTI:  
 SHRI NIRIPATI RANJAN CHOUDHARY.  
 SHRI KRISHNA BAHADUR CHETTRI:  
 SHRIMATI SARASWATI PRADHAN:  
 SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURAGOHAIN:

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

(a) what is the quantum of damage cause to irrigation embankments by the recent floods in Assam; and

(b) what are the details of the assistance the Central Government propose to give to the Assam Government in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR NATH SINGH) : (a) Flood protection embankments were reported to have been damaged/breached/eroded at 14 places in Brahmaputra basin and 7 places in Barak basin during the recent floods. No damage to irrigation embankments has, however, been reported so far.

(b) No request for assistance in this regard has been received from the State Government.

**White Tigers in the Country**

115. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT:  
 SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA:  
 SHRI SAT PAUL MITTAL:  
 SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sudden decline in the number of white tigers, in captivity, in the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the number of white tigers in the country at present. and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to save this rare species of animals?