

(b) whether these schemes are being finalised on ad-hoc basis or they form part of the comprehensive plan for the National Capital Region; and

(c) what are the salient features of these schemes and the financial targets and time limit for their implementation?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. RAGHURAMAIAH): (a) to (c) The High Powered Board for the National Capital Region has recommended some schemes for transportation to the Government. These schemes have not been finalised yet by the Government in consultation with the concerned Ministries.

Experiments Conducted by Indian Council of Agricultural Research Mango Project in Collaboration with Central Mango Research Institute, Lucknow

110. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the panel of experts of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in Entomology/Nematology have directed the Principal Investigators of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research Mango Project to carry on certain experiments at Malihabad (Lucknow) in collaboration with the Central Mango Research Institute, Lucknow, if so, what are the details in this regard with results of experiments conducted; and

(b) what is the nature of experiments conducted at Malihabad (Lucknow) to control midge pests along with the results of such experiments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir, the recommendation was made by the Panel, but the experiments could not be conducted. In view of a doubt raised whether the Mango Midges are of any economic importance as pests, the ICAR Scientific Panel of Entomology/Nematology in its meeting held in November 1975 recommended that it was absolutely essential that critical experiments with treated and untreated trees may be laid out in the following mango season to establish

beyond doubt the economic importance or otherwise of the mango midges. This may be done at the Mango Research Centre in Lucknow in consultation with Dr. Chadha, Fruit Coordinator.

(b) Question does not arise.

Implementation of the Recommendations of Paddy Gall-Fly Panel

111. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ad-hoc Panel on the Paddy Gall-fly which met in Bangkok in October, 1973 resolved to make the Cecidological Laboratory, Allahabad, as a Regional Centre for Biotypic study of the major pest of rice; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to implement the recommendations of the Panel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) and (b) From the available records, no such recommendation has been received in this Ministry. A reference is hence being made to the FAO Regional Office at Bangkok.

Tuition Fees in Nursery Schools

112. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of nursery schools in Delhi are charging as much as Rs. 80 as tuition fees plus Rs. 20 as bus charges from children in the age group between 3 and 5 years; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to persuade these school authorities to reduce these charges so as to enable the middle class and lower middle class parents to send their children to these schools?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) and (b). According to the information received from the Delhi Municipal Corporation and the New Delhi

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?