

SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI (Maharashtra) : Sir, I associate myself with the point made by the hon. Member.

डा. विजयलक्ष्मी साधू (मध्य प्रदेश) : महोदय, मैं स्वयं को इस विषय से संबद्ध करती हूँ।

**Unusual High Number of Amphibians being washed Ashore
on the coastline of Mumbai**

SHRI TARIQ ANWAR (Maharashtra) : Sir, an unusually large number of amphibians, especially marine mammals, have been washed ashore in the last two months on the coastline of Mumbai. At least eight amphibians, including marine mammals, such as whales, dolphins and others, such as turtles, were reportedly washed ashore in the months of March and April on the coastline of Mumbai and nearby districts. Experts believe this frequency to be unusually high.

A study has to be done by the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO). But to your great surprise, the Institute does not have the required expertise for studying amphibians, especially marine mammals, and nor do Forest Department officials.

Now, the Forest Department has written to the Versova-based Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) requesting a detailed study about the same.

The Department expects the short-term studies to explain the cause behind the phenomenon and give recommendations about solving the problem, and also preventing it in the future. The long-term studies have been sought for studying the population and behavioural patterns of all amphibians along our State coastline. This is necessary because presently, they have no data which provide this information, and it is crucial for the coastal bio-diversity.

Decline in Employment Generation in the Country

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY (Bihar) : Sir, the National Sample Survey Organization is an Organization which gives statistics on many issues, including employment and unemployment.

Sir, the 66th Round was published last year and the results were shocking. But, somehow, it did not catch the eye of the Government or the people of this country. A very startling figure which came out last year was that between 2000 and 2005, the employment generated in this country was 60 million, and, between 2005 and 2010, the employment generated in this country was 2 million. And, Sir, this is a result which I have not brought; this is the National Sample Survey Organization's result. In that period also, the casual employment increased at a much larger rate than the regular employment.

Sir, here, I would just like to quote Shri C. Rangarajan who is the former RBI Governor and also the Chairman of the Prime Minister's Advisory Council. He had

written an article in the 'The Economic and Political Weekly.' Now, there were many people who were disputing the results of the National Sample Survey Organization. Mr. Rangarajan himself, in an article written in a very prestigious Economic Magazine, the 'Economic and Political Weekly', had said - and I would like to quote him : 'The 66th Round Results leave us with an unanswered question : how do we explain the decline in the labour force when the GDP is growing strongly?' Sir, on the one hand, this is happening, and, on the other hand, we have seen that the poverty is growing. The latest statistics which have come about - the Government's statistics - reveal that 66 per cent of the people are below the poverty line.

Now, in this backdrop, Sir, I would like to draw your attention to some basic thing which is happening in this country and which is not being addressed. One is happening in the urban area which we see as a movement of Baba Ramdev or Baba Anna Hazare. But there is something also happening in the rural area, and I would like to specify it. Sir, just look at the statistics of 2001 and 2011. The number of people who were killed in terrorist violence on the borders, in 2001, was around 5500. The number of people who were killed in this country in Naxal violence was around 500, in 2001. In the year 2011, the number of people who are killed in terrorist violence, which includes the paramilitary forces, the civilians and terrorists, is reaching around 500 and the number of people who are killed in Naxal violence in this country today is touching around 4000, or, maybe, less or more. Sir, this is a very dangerous thing which is happening in the country. The unemployment is growing, there is no employment being created; poverty is growing on the one hand and the violence within the nation is growing on the other hand. I do not know whether the Government is sensitive to it or not. All these are implications which show that there is a big question, which is coming up on the functionality of this democracy, that whether we can survive this nation if these are the figures which are being released. The Government may be tomming many things. But the fact is that the situation is very bad **...(Time-bell rings)...** and we need to address these issues before the situation becomes far more worse.

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SHRI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI (Gujarat) : Sir, I would like to associate myself with it.

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