

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is contemplating to use any new technique to determine the exact number of animals in these Sanctuaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) Presently, there is no proposal with the Ministry of Environment and Forests to connect all the Wildlife Sanctuaries in the country through modern technology based techniques.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Census of major wild animals is carried out by the respective State/Union Territory Governments periodically using the available methodology. However, there is no specific proposal to use new technology to determine the exact number of animals in the Wildlife Sanctuaries.

Proposals under national lake conservation plan

4203. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals submitted by Odisha under the National Lake Conservation Plan;

(b) the status of consideration of each of the proposals; and

(c) the time by when the final decision is expected to be taken on such plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) to (c) The Ministry is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) for conservation and management of polluted and degraded lakes in urban and semi-urban areas of the country, on 70:30 funding pattern through an integrated ecosystem approach.

For Odisha, the Ministry has sanctioned a project on 'Conservation and Management of Bindusagar lake' in Bhubaneswar under NLCP at a cost of Rs.3.36 crore. Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation is implementing agency for the project. No other Detailed Project Report is received by this Ministry from the State Government.

Leasing of forest land for mining activities

4204. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: