

taking a view in the matter. The site inspection report has since been received in the Ministry and would be placed before the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife for its consideration. However, no specific time can be attributed for this.

Reclamation of land from sea for Mumbai city

4197. SHRI SANJAY RAUT :

SHRI ANIL DESAI :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in South Mumbai, a part of the Arabian Sea is being reclaimed for providing civic amenities to the public;
- (b) if so, whether the Ministry has given its approval to such a project; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has not received the proposal for reclamation of Arabian Sea, in South Mumbai, for providing civic amenities to the public.

Falling population of tigers and peacocks in the country

4198. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the rates at which population of our national animal, tiger, and the national bird peacock are falling in the country;
- (b) the number of tigers and peacocks, died/killed during 2011;
- (c) the pockets in the Indian States where they are found and well-preserved; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to conserve, preserve and nurture these species?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN) : (a) The country level tiger population, estimated once in every four years using the refined methodology, has shown an increasing trend with a population estimate of 1706, lower and upper limits being 1520 and 1909 respectively in the recent all India estimation (2010), as compared to the last country level estimation of 2006, with an estimate of 1411, lower and upper limits being 1165 and 1657 respectively. There are no specific data to indicate that population of peacock is decreasing.