

environment clearance, which required the project proponent to upload the status of compliance of the stipulated environment clearance conditions including results of monitored data on their website and to update the same periodically.

Non compliance of the stipulated environment clearance conditions amounts to violation of the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 attracting action under the provisions thereof. The six Regional offices of Ministry of Environment and Forests located at Bangalore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Lucknow and Shillong have been entrusted with the responsibility to monitor compliance of the stipulated environment clearance conditions. Based on the reported non compliances by the Regional Offices, action is initiated against the defaulting units. During the last three years showcase notices have been issued to two petroleum units for non compliance of the stipulated environment clearance conditions.

**Reduction in prey base of Tiger at
simlipal forest in Odisha**

4970. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tribal ritual of mass hunting and presence of human habitats is resulting in an alarming reduction in the prey base for the tigers in Simlipal forest in Odisha; and

(b) whether there is tiger protection force in Simlipal for the protection of tiger?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) As reported, the ritual of mass hunting and biotic pressure are, *interalia*, deleterious causative factors for low prey base in the Similipal Tiger Reserve.

(b) Funding assistance has been provided to the Similipal Tiger Reserve for deploying tiger protection force involving ex-army personnel and local people for protection of the said reserve. Besides, central assistance amounting Rs. 30 lakhs and Rs. 240 lakhs have been provided during the years 2010-11 and 2011-12 to the state for raising, arming and deploying the Special Tiger Protection Force in the Similipal Tiger Reserve.