

Project construction of ring road around Gir forests

1755. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received any proposal for construction of ring road around Gir forests in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the said project is being considered for approval by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) to (c) The State Government of Gujarat had submitted a proposal for conservation of Asiatic Lion and construction of Ring Road around the Gir Protected Area System (Gir National Park and Gir, Paniya, Mitiyala and Girmar sanctuaries) in 2009. Subsequently, after a high level meeting in the Ministry of Environment and Forests with the State Government officers, the State Government has submitted a revised proposal for Gir Protected Area System indicating details of Central and State funding for biodiversity conservation and infrastructure development for Rs. 262.36 crores. The revised proposal does not include construction of a Ring Road around the Gir Protected Area System. Accordingly the Ministry has not released any grant to the Government of Gujarat for construction of Ring Road and no further action is pending with the Ministry of Environment and Forests in this regard.

Impact of Yamuna river's toxins

1756. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the MINISTER of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Yamuna river's poison leave metro hot and gasping and the river's toxins are damaging cooling system of Delhi Metro Railway; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) and (b) No reference has been received from the M/s Delhi Metro Rail Corporation regarding damage to cooling systems of the Delhi Metro due to toxins emanating from the river Yamuna.