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11.	Valsad	2672.31
12.	Panchmahal	8780.71
13.	Gandhinagar	4.39
TOTAL		31840.92

* In addition to above, State Government conferred occupancy rights *vide* Government notification dated 06/02/1970 over 58,328 hectare of land being cultivated by the local people of the Dang in the protected forests.

Canine Distemper disease among tigers and other animals

3865. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the likely outbreak of Canine Distemper (CD) disease among tigers and other animals belonging to feline group across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such cases reported so far during the last two years; and
- (c) the effective steps taken by Government to prevent spread of CD disease among tigers in all the tiger reserves of the country including entry of stray dogs in and around tiger reserves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. So far, only a single case of tiger mortality due to Canine Distemper Virus (CDV) has been confirmed from the Pilibhit area of Uttar Pradesh in November, 2013. Based on discussion with experts and field officers, and advice from the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), and the Wildlife Institute of India, the tiger States have been advised by the National Tiger Conservation Authority for monitoring and taking precautionary measures against spread of Canine Distemper Virus. Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, central assistance is provided to tiger States, which, *inter-alia*, includes funding support for prophylactic immunization against diseases communicable to the wildlife.

Use of fly ash in forests

3866. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that fly ash mixed with urban sludge is used in forests in the People's Republic of China and if so, whether Government has any information regarding about benefits and hazardous of such use; and