

- (c) whether State Government has been consulted in this regard; and
- (d) whether any amendment Bill or Bills are proposed to be introduced in the Winter Session of Parliament in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) to (d) A High Level Committee (HLC) was recently set up to review the six major Environment and Forests-related laws administered by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change including Environment Protection Act and the legislations regarding air and water pollution. The State Governments were consulted by the HLC. Comments/suggestions were also invited from the public at large through electronic media. The Committee has submitted its report to the Government on 18th November, 2014.

#### **Incidents of animals' death in zoos**

†1254. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of animals' deaths in the zoos of the country have increased during last few years, if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (b) the steps taken by Government to curb these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) No, Sir. There are no reports indicating increase in animal deaths in zoos of the country during last few years.

(b) The Central Zoo Authority has developed "Standards, Guidelines and Protocol on Diseases, Diagnosis and Care of Wild Animals in India Zoos" for providing emergency and specialized treatment and veterinary care to the zoo animals. Zoos are also utilizing the services of State Animal Husbandry Department and Veterinary Colleges.

#### **Drainage of industrial water into Sutlez**

†1255. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA:

SHRI VIJAY GOEL:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that polluted water and industrial waste are being discharged into the Sutlez and its tributaries, if so, the reasons therefor;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.