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(b) if so, when and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The Ministry has received only a preliminary proposal from the Government of Himachal Pradesh in October, 2003, for inclusion of Paonta Sahib on River Yamuna under National River Conservation Plan. The State Government is required to submit Detailed Project Report with firm costs following an integrated approach with 70:30 cost sharing between the Central and the State Government. No proposal for revamping of Rivalsar lake has been received from Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Safety of wild life sanctuaries

†118. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the wildlife sanctuaries throughout the country have turned out to be unsafe for human beings and animals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these sanctuaries have been encroached a lot due to which animals come out of it and harm the life and properties of the people living in the nearby areas and sometimes they themselves meet with accidents by trucks and trains; and

(c) if so, the details of such accidents, sanctuary-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir. The wildlife sanctuaries and national parks, on the contrary, provide more safety of wild animals. However, occurrence of stray incidents of chance encounters between the wild animals on one side and human beings and domestic animals on the other are not ruled out.

(b) By and large the wildlife sanctuaries and national parks have been effectively protected against encroachments. However, the damage to the life and the properties of the people living in nearby areas and the accidental deaths of wild animals by train or motor vehicles do take place due to a combination of different reasons, including human interference in wildlife habitats.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The details of deaths of major animals due to accidents during the last three years, as available in the Ministry, are given in the enclosed Statement:-

Statement

*Details of death of wild animals during the last three years
due to accidents*

Sl. No.	Protected Area	State	Year		
			2001	2002	2003
1.	Rajaji National Park	Uttaranchal	1 elephant	2 elephants	—
2.	Rajabhatkhawa (BTR)	W. Bengal	1 elephant	—	—
3.	Chapramari Sanctuary	W. Bengal	—	3 elephants	—
4.	Kaziranga National Park	Assam	3 wild buffalo 1 hoolock Gibbon 2 civet cats 1 python	1 leopard 1 leopard cat 2 wild buffalo 1 Hoolock Gibbon 4 Civet cats 1 python	2 leopards 1 leopard cat 2 fishing cats 2 wild buffalo 1 civet cat 1 python
5.	Dudhwa Tiger Reserve	Uttar Pradesh	—	—	3 elephants
6.	Palamau Tiger Reserve	Jharkhand	—	—	5 elephants
7.	Mahananda Sanctuary	W. Bengal	—	—	1 elephant
8.	Bandipur Tiger Reserve	Karnataka	—	—	1 tiger

Expansion and growth of FPIs

†119. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sufficient potential exist in the country for the growth and expansion of Food Processing Industry; and

(b) the target fixed with regard to the value of production in this industry

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