

Out of Rs. 1103.10 crore of projects envisaged under the Plan, Detailed Project Reports amounting to Rs. 784.68 crore have been sanctioned for execution so far.

(c) Under the projects for clearance of pollution of waterways in Chennai, four numbers of sewage treatment plants have been envisaged which are under construction. Detailed Project Reports for the two sewage treatment plants have been approved and for the other two sewage treatment plants, these have been received. All the four sewage treatment plants are likely to be completed by March, 2005 as intimated by Government of Tamil Nadu.

### **Terror of Leopards in Mumbai**

†1090. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

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

(a) whether the terror of man-eating leopard is on the increase in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed by leopards during the last three years; and

(c) what are the reasons thereof and the action being taken by Government to subdue terror of the leopards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes Sir. There has been an increase in the incidences of deaths due to attack by leopards during the month of June, 2004.

(b) The details of number of persons killed by leopards during the last three years are as follows:-

| Year  | Number of persons killed |
|-------|--------------------------|
| 2002  | 17                       |
| 2003  | 14                       |
| 2004  | 14                       |
| Total | 45                       |

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The steps taken to reduce the attacks are as follows:-

Steps taken by the Central Government:-

- (i) A grant of Rs. 1.5 crores has been approved for construction of boundary wall at Mallad.
- (ii) The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 has been amended and a special provision has been made to remove all encroachments from the National Parks and sanctuaries.

Steps taken by the State Government:—

- (i) 35 traps have been set up at various strategic points around Sanjay Gandhi National Park in problem hit areas to trap the leopards and so far 11 leopards have been trapped since 1st of June 2004.
- (ii) Massive awareness campaign has been launched to educate the people about the precautions to be taken to avoid leopard attacks.
- (iii) Regular patrolling of the problem area by a patrolling squad specially formed for the purpose is being done along with the local volunteers and the nature lovers.

#### **Misuse of funds earmarked for clearing rivers**

1091. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an urgent need of clearing up of important rivers—like Yamuna, Ganga etc. in the country;

(b) whether any enquiry has, so far, been instituted to investigate into the alleged misuse of funds earmarked for clearing up Ganga and Yamuna rivers;

(c) If so, the details of the outcome thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the concrete measures Government propose to take or taken till date to ensure that funds earmarked in this regard are not misused?