

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Ensuring that free and compulsory education of satisfactory quality is provided to all children upto 14 years of age before we enter the twenty first century is a national goal.

[Translation]

#### Dudhwa National Park

273. DR. P.R. GANGWAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the number of wildlife in Dudhwa National Park is declining every year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of major species of Wildlife in the Park during each of the last three census; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check the decline in the number of animals in the Park?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. The number of wildlife as per census figures has increased as compared to 1989 though there is some decline as compared to 1993 in case of panther, deers, sloth bear and elephants.

(b) The probable causes for the reduction in the case of major species i.e. elephants and deers could be migration of the animals due to reduction in the availability of the palatable grasses.

(c) As reported by the Chief Wildlife Warden, Uttar Pradesh, the number of major species of wild animals in the park is as under :

Species	Census		
	1991	1993	1995
Tigar	65	66	69
Panther	2	3	—
Deer species	9029	17228	14085
Nilgai	347	380	605
Wild Boar	2688	4600	6326
Sloth Bear	62	85	10
Elephant	Not carried out	34	16

(d) Patrolling has been increased and habitat improvement programme is being implemented for checking migration of animals.

[English]

#### Tainted Imported Sugar

274. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any report about the presence of live dead germs in imported sugar earmarked under Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against the guilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b) During December, 1994, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi had reported that in the case of about twenty fair price shops, sugar supplied by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) was found to be infested. They had reported that infested stocks of sugar had not been distributed to the consumers and FCI had been requested to replace such stocks of sugar. No other soecific complaint of this nature has been reported by any other State Government/UT Administrations.

(c) A team of officers of the Food Corporation of India was constituted to investigate the matter. The team found that some of the sugar bags in the FCI godown at Mayapuri had dead insects on the seam of some bags. No infestation was found inside the imported sugar bags which were selected at random basis. The Food Corporation of India reported that though the possibility of cross-infestation in some stray cases on the surface of the sugar bags stored in the FCI godowns alongwith foodgrains could not be ruled out, such cross-infestation would not enter the sugar bags because of special packing of imported sugar with polythene liners and double stitching.

[Translation]

#### Farmer Service Centres

275. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA :  
SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Farmers Service Centres functioning at present in the country particularly in the backward areas of Gujarat and Rajasthan, location-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up some more such centres in the country particularly in the backward areas of Gujarat and Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the names of the districts where these centres are proposed to be set up alongwith the date from which these centres are likely to start functioning; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AYUB KHAN) : (a) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme, under which Farmers Agro Service Centres were set up has already been transferred to the State sector with effect from 1.4.1992. As such, the information on functioning of these Centres is not being maintained by the Central Government.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.