

berthing facilities, the harbour will have facilities like auction hall slip way, space for processing and storage units etc. The scheme is under consideration of Government.

Scheme to develop wild life in Gujarat

1240. SHRI ARVIND M. PATEL:

SHRI VEKARIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to develop wild life in Gujarat State;

(b) if so, which of these projects are expected to get central aid; and

(c) if so, the main features of these projects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following schemes are getting Central assistance;

(i) Schemes for Development of Sanctuary for Wild Asses around little Runn of Kutch and Sanctuary for Black Bucks in Bhal (Velavadar); and

(ii) Scheme for Development of Gir Lion Sanctuary Project.

A Crocodile breeding scheme in Gir Forests is also expected to receive Central assistance this year.

(c) The main features of these schemes are:—

(i) *Sanctuary for Wild Ass and Black Buck*

1. Plantation of trees and fodder development for animals;

2. Providing drinking water facilities for animals;

3. Habitat improvement;

4. Purchase of vehicles and equipment for their protection;

5. Construction of staff quarters.

(ii) *Sanctuary for Gir Lions.*

1. Shifting and resettlement of Maldharis;

2. Construction of rubble wall for closure of the area;

3. Improvement of niches for ungulates;

4. Augmenting food resources;

5. Providing water facilities;

6. Fair weather roads and paths;

7. Research and Wild Life ecology;

8. Fire protection measures;

9. Establishment of anti-poaching squad;

10. Construction of quarters for staff etc.

(iii) *Crocodile Breeding Scheme.*

1. Construction of hatching pools and staff quarters;

2. Conservation scheme to preserve and multiply the almost extinct crocodiles.

New variety of Bajra

1241. SHRI P. GANGADEB: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Haryana Agricultural University has evolved a new synthetic variety of Bajra; and

(b) if so, whether it has given good result with regard to resistance to the mildew disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) Yes. A synthetic HS-1 has been evolved at the Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar.

(b) The Haryana Agricultural University has reported that this synthetic has shown in the trials conducted so far much higher resistance to downy mildew than HB 3 or NHB 3.