

(d) whether it is also proposed to consider the raising of forest protection force with recruits from the local youths ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :

(a) According to reports received from the State Government of West Bengal, the total number of persons killed by tigers since 1973 till November 20, 1986, is 506 which works out to an average of 36 per annum.

(b) In the core area of the Sunderbans Tiger Reserve no entry is permitted. In the forest area outside the core zone, permits are issued for honey-collection, fishing and timber-felling. The average number of casualties among those who enter the Sunderbans forest without permit is 6.5 per annum.

(c) It is very unusual for tigers in the Sunderbans to leave the forest area and venture into villages in search of prey. No human kills have taken place in villages in Sunderbans.

(d) No such proposal is currently under the consideration of Central Government.

8-Member panel on civil services

3479. SHRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA :

SHRI G. S. BASAVARAJU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have appointed an 8-Member Panel to examine certain aspects relating to the civil services including their structures;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the composition of this panel and by what time the panel will submit their report to Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, An eight-member Group has been constituted to examine certain aspects relating to the Civil Services including their structure, management, role, etc.

(c) The composition of the Group is as follows :

1. Shri P. Chidambaram,
Minister of State,
Ministry of Personnel, Public
Grievances and Pensions.
2. Shri L.K. Jha,
Member of Parliament.
3. Shri B. G. Deshmukh,
Cabinet Secretary.
4. Smt. P. P. Trivedi,
Secretary,
Ministry of Personnel,
Public Grievances and Pensions.
5. Shri Prakash Narain,
Chairman,
Railway Board.
6. Sri Anand Sarup,
Secretary,
Department of Education
7. Shri G. K. Arora,
Additional Secretary to
the Prime Minister.
8. Shri M. G. Katre,
Director,
Central Bureau of
Investigation.

No time frame has been laid down for the Group to submit its report.