

mation is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Complaints against Wildlife Managers

1150. SHRI RAM TAHAL CH-
 OUDHARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRON-
 MENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have re-
 ceived complaints against some Wildlife
 Managers during the last three years;

(b) if so, the region-wise details thereof;
 and

(c) the steps taken by the Government
 in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
 MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOR-
 ESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b).
 Enforcement of Wildlife (Protection) Act and
 Management of National Parks and Sanctu-
 aries is mainly the responsibility of the State
 Governments and Administrations of Union
 Territories. There are 413 Sanctuaries and
 73 National Parks in the country. The num-
 ber of Wildlife Managers in the country will
 be in thousands. There is no system of
 centralised collection of information about
 complaints that may have been received in
 respect of all wildlife functionaries all over
 the country.

(c) Measures are being taken to ensure
 that the complaints received are promptly
 looked into by the concerned authorities.
 Where such complaints are received by the
 Central Government they are forwarded to
 State Chief Wildlife Wardens if they are
 found guilty. The problems in connection
 with the administration of protected areas
 and implementation of Wildlife Conservation
 programmes are also discussed with Heads
 of Forestry and Wildlife Departments of
 States.

Simultaneously, stress is also being laid
 on in-service training of officials on various
 aspects of management including techniques
 of improving public relations.

[English]

World Book Fair held in Delhi

1151. SHRI P. M. SAYEED:
 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MAN-
 DAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-
 SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to
 state:

(a) whether any assessment of the
 achievements of the recent World Book Fair
 held in the Capital has been made;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to
 encourage publishers to bring out more books
 in regional languages; and

(d) the steps taken to make popular
 books available at reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-
 SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN
 SINGH): (a) and (b). No formal assessment
 has been made. However, the Tenth New
 Delhi World Book Fair was highly successful
 in attracting a large number of participants
 and visitors.

(c) National Book Trust encourages
 publishers to bring out more books in re-
 gional languages under the following
 schemes:—

(i) the scheme for providing assistance
 to publishers, authors and illustra-
 tors to bring out books for children;

(ii) the scheme for providing assistance

to publishers, authors and illustrators to bring out books for neo-literates;

- (iii) the scheme for subsidised publication of books under which assistance is provided to publishers and authors for bringing out books for higher education sector;
- (iv) the publication of the catalogue of books recommended for translation; and
- (v) the publication of the catalogue of select Indian books for children.

(d) National Book Trust brings out popular books on a variety of subjects, including translations of significant creative works of Indian languages, in English, Hindi and 11 other Indian languages. The Trust also provides assistance for publishing books for children, neo-literates and the higher education sector on the condition that these are made available at reasonable prices under its different publishing series.

Financial Assistance for Sports in Lakshadweep

1152. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide any financial assistance to students showing excellent performance in sports at Lakshadweep; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD

DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b). The students of all the States/UTs, who are proficient in sports and below the age of 17 years are eligible for scholarship under the "Sports Talent Search Scholarship" Scheme being operated by Sports Authority of India. There are 1200 nos. of National scholarships and 2095 nos. of State/UT scholarship of Rs. 2700 and Rs. 1800 each per annum respectively. However, so far no students from Lakshadweep are receiving assistance under this Scheme.

[*Translation*]

Cancellation of Chandigarh Express

1153. SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 4587/88 Chandigarh Express between Lalgarh and Chandigarh has been cancelled;

(b) if so the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Delhi bound bogies which used to be attached to Chandigarh Express from Lalgarh via Suratgarh and Bhatinda previously have been detached now; and

(d) whether the said bogies are now being attached to Udyan Abha train in Bhatinda and remain there for six hours and the passengers have to suffer inconvenience as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to difficult law and order situation in Punjab.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir.