

(c) Due to operational difficulties and resource constraints.

[*English*]

**Danger of Human Life in  
Sunderban**

851. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:  
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND  
FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the eco-system in the tiger project of the Sunderban is under threat due to the illegal collection of prawn seedlings from the area thereby jeopardising human life in the surrounding areas also;

(b) whether the collection of prawn seedlings from the project area and its periphery and large scale intrusion in blatant violation of the restrictions had given rise to the impending danger of tigers attacking human beings; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to counteract this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOR-  
ESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c). The  
information is being collected from the State  
Government and will be laid on the Table of  
the House.

[*Translation*]

**Drinking Water facility at Mandsaur  
Station**

852. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether the drinking water huts  
meant for the passengers at Mandsaur

(Western Railway) Railway Station have been  
closed;

(b) whether the taps provided there are  
also not adequate and generally remain  
closed;

(c) whether the attention of the local  
officers has also been drawn to the said  
problem; and

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-  
LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d): One water cooler and 26  
water taps are available at Mandsaur sta-  
tion. Water supply is regulated to ensure its  
adequate availability during train timings.  
These arrangements are considered ade-  
quate to meet the drinking water needs of the  
passengers.

[*English*]

**Recruitment of disabled Persons**

853. SHRI MOHAN RAWLE: Will the  
Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of appointments  
made during the last three years, year-wise  
in various railway zones; and

(b) the number of disabled persons out  
of them recruited during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-  
LIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The information is  
being collected and will be laid on the Table  
of the Sabha.