

(d) The number of districts to be covered under total literacy campaigns in a particular state depends upon the perspective plan to be prepared by the State Government, availability of resources and state of preparedness in the districts. No such perspective plan has been received from the State Government of Orissa.

Subarnarekha Barrage project

4808. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Subarnarekha Barrage Project of West Bengal is pending with his Ministry for clearance;

(b) if so, since when and the reasons for delay in clearing the project;

(c) the steps taken to expedite clearance of the project; and

(d) the number of people who are likely to be affected due to the implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Grant of Arbitration in Works Contract

4809. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have fixed any time limit for disposal of applications for grant of arbitration in works contract and for release of 'Samity' Deposit in case of a

works contract being referred to arbitration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Mining Activities in Sariska Tiger Reserve

4810. SHRI RAM BADAN:
SHRI BJOY KRISHNA HAN-
DIQUE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether mines covering an area of 208 hectares of land are still operating even after recommendations of the Committee set up by Supreme Court in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the remedial steps taken by the union Government in the matter;

(d) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the demand of declaring 50.77 hectares of land in Sariska Tiger Reserve as unsecured by the Government of Rajasthan; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d). Mines in Sariska Tiger Reserve are still operating. The State Government has submitted a petition addressed to the Chairman of the