

revealed by this survey and constraint of resources.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Poaching in Sanctuaries and National Parks

2863. SHRI K. PRADHANI:
DR. K.D. JESWANI:
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether poaching, netting and trapping are going on illegally and unabated in almost every sanctuary and national park;

(b) if so, the details thereof during 1992-93 and 1993-94, sanctuary-wise, National Park-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to stop such illegal activities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir. However, reports of sporadic poaching in different national parks/sanctuaries are received from State Governments from time to time.

(b) the information is being collected from the States and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to prevent illegal activities of poaching and trapping of wild animals include:—

1. Hunting of Scheduled wild animals has been banned by law.

2. Central assistance is provided to State/UT Governments for strengthening anti-poaching infrastructure.

3. Special schemes for protection and conservation of tigers, elephants and rhinos and their habitat are being implemented.

4. Raids are carried out by the Wildlife Authorities whenever information of illegal trading in wild animals reaches them.

5. Co-operation of Police, BSF, Coast Guard and Army is also taken in apprehending the poachers and illegal traders.

6. International trade in Endangered species of animals and articles made thereof is regulated under the provisions of the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna.

7. Regional and sub-regional offices of Wildlife Preservation have been set up mostly at the main export centres of the country to prevent smuggling of wildlife products.

8. There is a scheme for payment of reward to the informers, which, among other things, helps in getting intelligence regarding smuggling of wildlife products.

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2864. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: