

(b) the amount provided by the Government under this scheme during the last three years; and

(c) the progress made in this regard during the above period in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK) : (a) The main features of National Sports Talent Contest Scheme are :

- (i) To broadbase sports at grass root level and to bring sports consciousness among the people of various age groups for participation in sports;
- (ii) To identify the talented boys and girls genetically gifted with natural motor qualities and physical growth; and
- (iii) To impart scientific sports training to the selected children to achieve excellence in sports at National/International level.

(b) The Government provided the following amount under the scheme during the last three years :

(i) 1992-93	...	...	Rs. 407.84 lakhs.
(includes expenses on Army Boys Sports Companies)			
(ii) 1993-94	...	...	Rs. 292.00 lakhs.
(iii) 1994-95	...	...	Rs. 270.00 lakhs.

(c) The Scheme is implemented in the 59 adopted schools scattered in various States/Union Territories. The number of students admitted under the scheme during the last three years is given below :

1992-93	...	...	1200
1993-94	...	...	1380
1994-95	...	...	1249

A number of children admitted under these schemes have excelled at the national and international level in junior and sub-junior championships.

[English]

Simlipal Tiger Reserve

5128. SHIRMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

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

(a) the estimated number of tigers in Simlipal Tiger Reserve forest area;

(b) the expenditure incurred on the Tiger Project indicating the funds allocated for this purpose during each of the last three years;

(c) whether any plan has been formulated for its development and the time frame worked out therefor; and

(d) if so, the broad features and the capital outlay involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH):

(a) As per the census carried out in 1993, the estimated number of Tigers in the Reserve are 95.

(b) The amount of central assistance released to Simlipal Tiger Reserve during the last three years is as under :

Year	Central Assistance Released
1992-93	Rs. 45.693 Lakhs
1993-94	Rs. 46.52 Lakhs (including Rs. 0.30 lakhs as central share for biannual census operation).
1994-95	Rs. 69.385 Lakhs

(c) and (d). A proposal seeking external assistance through the World Bank, spread over a period of five years, for eco-development of eight sites in the country, which includes Simlipal Tiger Reserve as well is under final stages of preparation. The project envisages reducing the dependency of the local people on the protected area and strengthening the management capabilities of the park.

Gauge Conversion

5129. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railway Board has conducted any survey to lay a new broad gauge railway line to connect Kothagudem with Kovvuru;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A survey for construction of a new BG line from Bhadrachalam Road to Kavvur was conducted in 1966, which revealed the project to be financially unremunerative.

However, keeping in view the aspirations of the people of the area, an updating of survey for construction of new line between Bhadrachalam Road (Kothagudem) and Kovvur has been included in Budget, 1995-96.

Further consideration of the project will be possible after the results of the survey become known, subject to availability of resources in the coming years.

(c) Does not arise.

Sugar Mills

5130. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD :
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :
SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH :
SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the scheme of the Government regarding Modernisation and expansion of old sugar mills during 1995-96;

(b) the number of proposals received/under consideration for modernisation and expansion of sugar mills at present, State-wise;

(c) the number of sugar mills which received financial assistance from Sugar Development Fund for this scheme so far;

(d) the number of sugar mills where the work of modernisation and expansion has already been undertaken and likely to be undertaken in the coming years;

(e) whether the Government have any time bound programme for this scheme; and

(f) if so, the details of the work carried out under this action plan?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b). At present, there are eight applications of various sugar undertakings pending with this Ministry for grant of loans from the Sugar Development Fund for modernisation-cum-expansion of their plant and machinery. The State-wise position is as under :

Name of State	No. of Applications
Uttar Pradesh	5
Maharashtra	2
Karnataka	1
Total	8

(c) to (f). As on 31.3.95, in the case of 143 proposals of various sugar undertakings, loans amounting to Rs. 469.73 crores have been sanctioned from the Sugar Development Fund for modernisation-cum-expansion of their plant and machinery, since the inception of the Fund. Out of this, Rs. 417.26 crores have been disbursed for the aforesaid purpose. No specific target

has been fixed for sanction of loans to the sugar mills, as it depends, *inter alia*, upon the number of applications received from the sugar mills and the number of applications approved by the Standing Committee/Government.

Reforms in Science Education

5131. PROF. RAM KAPSE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Academy of Science has released a blue print for major reforms in the field of Science Education in colleges to arrest declining standard, and resolve the controversial issue of reservation in education;

(b) whether the Ministry has taken any decision on the recommendations by the academy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Shortage of Rolling Stock

5132. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any representation regarding the shortage of rolling stock for movement of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure proper supply of coal to Brick producers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b). During busy season representations have been received from industries including cement, fertilizer, glass etc. for supply of more wagons for coal loading.

(c) Railways have already withdrawn the ceiling limits. It is proposed to supply wagons to different consumers, including brick producers, according to demand offer and laid down priorities.

[Translation]

Anganwadi Workers

5133. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply given to SNQ No. 2 on March 18, 1994 and state :

(a) whether travelling allowance/dearness allowance and all other facilities which are being given