

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Some representations were received for the widening of the bridge and provision of foot-paths on its either side.

(d) The Railway has already written to the State Government to agree to the sharing of the cost of improvement of the bridge, as per extant conventions, and of conducting survey for a new bridge, in replacement of the existing one, if necessary. The State Government's response is still awaited.

Tiger Population In Bihar

4046. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of the total population of tigers inhabit the forests of Bihar; and

(b) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase the number of tigers in forest of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) According to the enumeration of tigers carried out in 1984, the number of tigers in the forests of Bihar was 138 amounting to 3% of a total of 4005 tigers in the country.

(b) The Central Government provides financial assistance for the better conservation of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries of Bihar. The Palamau Tiger Reserve of Bihar is one of the sixteen Tiger Reserves in the country and receives central assistance under the Project Tiger.

Target of Field Workers for Family Planning

4047. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of family planning targets of each field worker per month at present; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase such targets for family planning for field workers during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) the Family Planning Targets are not fixed to the States on per field worker basis. The method-wise National targets are allocated to the States/UTs, considering factors like achievements in terms of Couple Protection Rate, long term goal fixed for them, trends in performance in the last few years and prevailing method-mix in performance.

(b) The Family Planning targets for the current financial year had been communicated to the States at the beginning of the year and there is at present no proposal to increase them.

Strike Period Salary to Teachers of Delhi University

4048. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision/action has been taken by the University Grants Commission and the Delhi University for the release of salaries to the teachers of the Delhi University and its colleges for the strike period;

(b) if so, the date on which the decision has been taken and the likely date by which the teachers would be paid the salaries, especially when in most States the teachers have already been paid for this period; and