

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken to increase their number in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :

(a) No enumeration of deer populations has been conducted in the country except in some parks and sanctuaries. The population of lions found in the Gir forest of Gujarat, its only home in the wild, is 239 according to enumeration carried out in 1985. Lions in captivity are 107 of Indian origin and 125 of mixed Indian/African origin. The population of tigers according to enumeration done in 1984, is 4005. No white tiger are reported currently in the wild. Their number in different zoos of the country is 24. The estimated number of wild elephant at present is between 16,600 to 22,250, and of captive ones between 19,500 and 25,375.

(b) The number of elephants is declining in some regions of the country while it is increasing in others. The total population is on the increase.

(c) Government have taken steps to create national parks, sanctuaries, and tiger reserves, and taking measures, *inter-alia*, to educate and inform the people and to implement effectively the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 under which the elephant is a completely protected animal.

#### Promotion of Official Languages

1417. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the amount earmarked for the promotion of official languages during the Seventh Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) An amount of Rs. 2 crores has been earmarked for the promotion of official language during the Seventh Plan.

#### Import of T.V. Components]

1419. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that TV components are being imported by Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Limited, for use in T.V.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Limited is facing problems since the television companies which register their demands with them do not lift the goods resulting in large inventory for the corporation; and

(c) if so, the value of the goods accumulated and the steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) : Yes, Sir. This is true in respect of 51 cms. Black & White picture tubes, whose stock is estimated presently around 1,70,000 nos. valued at Rs. 6.63 crores (approximately). The stock of Black and White TV picture tubes is being distributed in such a manner that indigenous industry is also not affected and simultaneously ET&T's stock is cleared as early as possible.

#### Increase in Strength of Paramilitary Forces

1420. SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total strength of the various paramilitary forces as on 1.1.86; and

(b) the proposed increase of strength of each during 1986 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) The authorised number of operational battalions as on 1.1.1986 is as under :—