

"Extinction of Birds"

7254. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the species of birds that are facing extinction ;

(b) whether Government have drawn any list of animals facing extinction, if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the steps taken for their captive breeding to save them from extinction and to provide them natural habitats ; and

(d) the factors leading to the fast decline in their numbers with steps envisaged for their preservation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) and (b) 122 species and sub-species of wild animals and birds found in India are included in Scheduled I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act. 1972 (53 of 1972). Of these, the Cheetah, Mountain Quail, Jerdons Courser, Pink-headed duck and Forest spotted owl are reported to have become extinct. The rest are rare or endangered. However, as a result of conservation action taken in recent years, they are not on the verge of extinction.

(c) For Crocodiles some breeding and rehabilitation centres have been established.

(d) Loss of habitat is the major factor leading to the decline in number of these species. Steps have been taken and are being taken to declare viable habitats of these species as protected areas like National Parks and Wild Life Sanctuaries.

Recommendation of a special group on needs of tribal and backward areas

7255. DR. A.U. AZMI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that recommendations of a special group which studies the needs of tribal and backward areas have been sent by the Home Ministry to the State Governments ; and

(b) if so, the details of the recommenda-

tions and how far have they been accepted by the State Governments and what has been the salutary effect thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Dual pricing policy of Cement

7256. DR. A.U. AZAMI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state the measures Government propose to take to export cement and do away with the dual pricing policy ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) : Domestic availability of cement being less than the demand estimates, there is no proposal at present to allow export of cement. After the introduction of policy of partial decontrol of cement w.e.f. 28.2.1982, there has been some improvement in the performance of the industry. The production of cement had gone up by 10% over the previous year. Additional capacities of the order of about six million tonnes have been installed of which 3.00 million tonne had commenced commercial production during the year 1982-83. With relatively easier availability of cement in the open market, blackmarketing of cement has been minimised to a considerable extent. The cement factories have also been in a position to earn significant returns and improve their financial strength. Priority areas also continue to get cement at controlled prices.

The implementation of the policy is constantly under review, there is no question, at present, of doing away with the scheme of partial de-control of cement.

Fall in targets of certain Industries

7257. DR. A.U. AZMI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the targets have fallen short in a number of industries like cement, rubber, footwear, etc. in 1982-83 while there has been appreciable increase in the production in some industries ; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to remove the impediments which came in the way of

achieving the targets and to make the public enterprises increase efficiency, capacity utilisation, generation of internal resources and productivity ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY
(SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI) ;

(a) A statement giving 124 selected industries, in various ranges of achievement of target during April, 1982 to January, 1983 is enclosed.

The production of natural rubber in the country during the year 1982-83 is estimated

at 166,000 tonnes as against the targetted production of 162,000 tonnes.

(b) Chapter 19 of the Public Enterprises Survey, 1981-82, Volume I (pages 207-225) and Chapter 28 (pages 311-314) contain information on the performance of public sector enterprises in 1981-82 and for the first six months of 1982-83. Some specific measures taken by Government for upgrading the performance levels of public sector enterprises are detailed at pages 213-216 of the same Report, already placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT
ACHIEVEMENT OF TARGET
(April, 1982 to January, 1983)

Exceeding Target

A. Industries where achievement had exceeded the target.
(29 Industries with total weight 7.99)

Cigarettes, Linoleum, Bicycle Tyres, LDPE, Nylon Filament Yarn, Nylon Tyre Cord, Polyester Filament Yarn, Sulpha Drugs, Tooth Pastes, Tooth Powder, Industrial Explosives, Steel Castings, Structural, Aluminium Sheets and Circles, Razor Blades, Twist Drills, Welding Electrodes, Diesel Engines (Stat.), Sugar Machinery, Mining Machinery, Printing Machinery, Rubber Machinery, Earth Moving Equipment, Cranes, Air Gas Compressors, Typewriters, Domestic Refrigerators, Motor Starters and Contractors, Motor Cycles.

B. (90-100%) Industries where achievement in the range of 90 to 100% of target :
(39 Industries with the total weight 13.82)

Baby Food, Biscuits, Beer, Leather Cloth, Paper and Paper Board, Auto Tyres, Nitrogenous Fertilizers P_2O_5 , Oxygen Gas, Liquid Chlorine, HDPE, Polystyrene, Azo Dyes, Paints and Varnishes, Penicillin, Vitamin 'A', Soaps, Matches, Steel Forgings, Seamless Steel Tubes, Black and Galvanised Steel Pipes and Tubes, C.I. Spun Pipes and Tubes, Lead, Copper/Brass Sheets and Circles, Boilers, Chemical and Pharmaceutical Machinery, Lifts, Road Rollers, Electric Motors, Electric Lamps, Fluorescent Tubes, Winding Wires, VIR/PVC, Dry Cells, Cars, Jeeps, Scooters, Bicycles, Electric Fans.

C. (80-90%) Industries where achievement had been in the range of 80-90% of target :
(33 Industries with total weight 9.39)

Indian Type of Leather Footwear, Western Type of Leather Footwear, Rubber Footwear, Caustic Soda, Soda Ash, D/A Gas, Caprolactum, DMT, Polyester Fibre BHC (Tech.), Streptomycine, Synthetic Detergents, Optical Whitening Agents, Cement, Transmission Towers, Aluminium, Copper Cathodes, Aluminium Foils, Aluminium Extruded Products, Metallurgical Machinery including Steel Plant Equipment, Paper and Pulp Machinery, Power Driven Pumps, Ball and Roller Bearings, Machine Tools, Air Conditioners, Sewing Machines, Storage Batteries, Railway Wagons, Commercial Vehicles, Mopeds, Three Wheelers, Clocks, Wrist Watches.

D. (Below 80%) Industries where target had been achieved less than 80% : (23 Industries with total weight 5.84)

Newsprint, Calcium Carbide, PVC Resins, Synthetic Rubber, Viscose Filament Yarn, Viscose Staple Fibres, Viscose Tyre Cord, DDT, Malathion, Chloramphenicol, Zinc, Bolts, Nuts, and Rivets, Wire Ropes, Cement Machinery, Agricultural Tractors, Power Transformers, ACSR/AAC, Wire Rods for ACSR, Graphite Electrodes and Anodes, House Service Meters, Zip Fasteners, Cellulose Film, Vet Dyes.

Figures are provisional.