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18.	Nagaland	0072	0072	—
19.	Arunachal Pradesh	0021	0121	0098
20.	Sikkim	—	0001	—
21.	Gujarat	0498	0702	0772
22.	Haryana	0010	0019	0025
23.	Goa, Daman & Diu	0010	0018	0031
24.	Jammu & Kashmir	0004	0004	—
Total :		4744	6763	6828

Statement II

1. Panther is a Schedule-I animal under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Hunting of wild animals included in Schedules I to IV has been banned by law.
2. A network of 447 Wildlife Sanctuaries and 84 National Parks covering 1,48,000 sq. kms. has been set up for conservation of wild flora and fauna. Financial assistance is provided by the Central Government under various Centrally sponsored plan schemes for development of National Parks and Sanctuaries and Project Tiger.
3. Funds are being provided to the State Governments for the eco-development of the areas to reduce the biotic pressure thereon.
4. The State Governments have been advised to strengthen vigilance and intensity patrolling.
5. Steps are being initiated to set up "Special Strike Force" for protection of wildlife including panthers.
6. 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.

7. Raids are carried out by the wildlife authorities, whenever information of illegal trading in wildlife reaches them.
8. Inter-departmental coordination has been enhanced with other enforcement organisations like Police, BSF, Customs, ITBP, Coast Guards etc. Training programmes on wildlife enforcement and implementation were also conducted for all these organisations at New Delhi and Dehradun during, 1995 and 1996.

[Translation]

Strength of BSF

3180. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of Border Security Force in the bordering States of Gujarat and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the shortage is likely to be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.