National Parks

2307. SHRIARJUN CHARAN SETHI: SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: SHRI PARASRAM BHARD-WAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of National Parks in the country at present, State-wise,
 - (b) the money allotted and spent for the

maintenance and development of these parks during the Seventh Plan, State-wise, and

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(c) the number of National Parks proposed to be opened during the current financial year along with their locations Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOR-

ESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH (a) and (b) A statement showing the number of National Parks and the amount of Central assistance released for their development, State-wise is attached

(c) The powers and responsibility of setting up of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries are vested with the State Gov ernments

STATEMENT

S No	Name of State/Union Territory	No of National Parks	Amount of * central Assistance Rele- ased in VII Plan (Rs in lakhs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	1	_
2	Arunachai Pradesh	2	133 18
3	Assam	2	134 61
4	Bıhar	2	91 57
5	Goa	1	25 64
6	Gujarat	4	58 117
7	Haryana	1	-
8	Hımachal Pradesh	2	80 23
9	Jammu & Kashmir	4	21 01
10	Karnataka	5	138 99
11	Kerala	3	107 868
12	Madhya Pradesh	11	237 7?
13	Maharashtra	5	104 76
14.	Manipur	2	36 64
15.	Meghalaya	2	28 285

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* Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Project Tiger" and "Assistance for development of national parks"

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Passenger Traffic on Balasore-Nilgiri Section

Andaman & Nicobar Islands

2308. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

 (a) whether there is a railway line from Balasore railway station to Nilgiri for transportation of forest goods and metals; (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to open this line for passenger traffic; and

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(c) if so, th details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.