

to be placed before the Board for their adoption.

During 1989, changes were made in the recruitment rules for the post of Trained Graduate Teacher as approved by the then Chairman of the Sangathan. Recruitment Rules for the post of Commissioner of the Sangathan were also issued with the approval of the then Chairman. These are proposed to be placed before the Board of Governors at its next meeting.

Pension Facilities to Retired/Disabled Circus Artists

6902. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any representations for providing pension facilities to retired or disabled circus artists; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No details is were contained in the representation. Circus would be covered

under 'entertainments and amusements' mentioned in List II of Scheduled VII of Constitution (State List) and hence is a matter that concerns State Governments.

National Parks and Sanctuaries

6903. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total area covered by National Parks and wildlife/bird sanctuaries in the country;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to expand any of the existing National Parks/bird sanctuaries or to declare any more areas as National Parks/Bird Sanctuaries;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any National Park has been found to be insufficient in area to accommodate any specific species of animals; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The total area covered by national parks and wildlife/bird sanctuaries in the country is 1,29,317 Sq. Kms. Break up of this area into National Parks and Sanctuaries is given below:

(i) National Parks	30,001 Sq. Kms.
(ii) Wildlife/bird sanctuaries	99,316 Sq. Kms.

(b) to (c). The desire information is as below:

(i) The information covering 651

national parks/sanctuaries is too voluminous to be compressed in the reply. However, copies of the English version of the report

"PLANNING A PROTECTED AREA NETWORK IN INDIA" by Wildlife Institute of India, published in 1988, which contain voluminous detailed suggestions for improving the effectiveness of sanctuaries/national parks in relation to conservation of different species of wildlife, including enlargement of areas, creation of new or upgradation of present sanctuaries/parks have been placed in the Lok Sabha Library.

- (ii) The area of the Dudhwa National Park (Tiger Reserve) in Uttar Pradesh needs extension to provide adequate habitat for swamp deer.
- (iii) The area of Kaziranga National Park needs extension to provide adequate habitat for the rhino. Funds have been provided by the Central Government to the state Government of Assam to extend the area by 430 Sq. Kms. under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Conservation of Rhinos in Assam."

Text Books for Delhi Primary Schools

6904. SHRIC.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a number of mistakes in the primary school mathematics book II (Hindi medium) in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in these books the letters printed on one page appear on the reverse side also; and

(c) if so, steps taken by the Government to improve the standard of text books in Delhi primary schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) According to the information furnished by Delhi Administration, no mistakes have been pointed out by any school teacher, student or parent.

(b) The letters printed on one side of the page are partially visible on the other side due to the lower grammage of the paper used. This, however, does not affect the readability of the contents.

(c) The Directorate of Education, Delhi Administration, conducts a yearly review of text books by a team of experienced teachers and subject experts. This will be done this year also. If any mistake is pointed out the same would be corrected in the subsequent reprints of the book.

[*Translation*]

Linking of Education with Culture

6905. PROF. SHAILENDRANATH SHRIVASTAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of schemes formulated so far with a view to link education with culture at pre-primary level under New Education Policy announced by Government in the year 1986 and the names of places where the schemes have been implemented;

(b) whether the progress made in this regard so far is satisfactory; and

(c) if not, the action being taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI USHA SINHA): (a)