

Birds in Thol Lake in Gujarat

*870. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many varieties of rare birds such as flamingoes are there at the picturesque Thol lake of Kadi Taluka in Mehsana District of Gujarat;

(b) whether this place has a lot of potential to be developed into a bird sanctuary;

(c) if so, by what time this place will be fully converted into a bird sanctuary; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) The following main species of birds have been observed:

Flamingoes

Pin-tail Ducks

Nakta Ducks

Black ibis

Painted stork

Purple moorhen

Coots

Egrets

Cormorants

(b) Thol lake has the potential of being developed into a bird sanctuary. However, use of the lake water for irrigation purposes and pollution from industrial effluents will have to be stopped before this is achieved.

(c) and (d) No decision has been taken in this regard by the State Government.

Wild Life Sanctuaries

*871. SHRI DAULATSINHJI JADEJA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to lay a statement showing:

(a) the names of the Wild life sanctuaries existing in the country and the main

species of the animals in those sanctuaries; and

(b) what measures are being taken for the preservation of these wild animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) A list of the wild-life sanctuaries and the main species of animals found there is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4022/82].

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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News Captioned "Dairies May Not Get Milk Powder"

*872. SHRI R. N. RAKESH:

SHRI HARIKESH BAHADUR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a report in the 'Hindu' of 18 March, 1982 entitled "Dairies may not get milk powder" and if so, the facts thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) whether in view of the failure of Operation Flood I and slow progress of Operation Flood II, Government will plan an Operation Flood III or take advance action on imports of milk products to avoid milk famine in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b) A statement is attached.

Statement

(a) and (b) Government's attention has been drawn to the news item. Due to serious drought situation in certain milk-sheds during 1981, competition from private trade and tendency on the part of milk producers to convert milk into ghee, some of