

[Translation]

SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: Democracy is being murdered with the conspiracy of these people....(Interruptions) The Prime Minister should be called here.

[English]

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: Sir, I have given a notice of an adjournment Motion. What has happened to that?

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: We are simply interested to know whether there will be election in Bihar or not. Let the Government clarify this position. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: It is not going on record....(Interruptions)

[Translation]

MR. SPEAKER: I understand that they want everyone to hear you, but if you all will speak together, nobody will be able to hear you, so you can raise this issue after half-an-hour.

[English]

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): Whatever is happening in Bihar is strictly between the Election Commission and the Government of Bihar. The Central Government has no role to play in the matter. We have been strictly following the instructions of the Election Commission. The Election Commission is interacting with the Bihar Government. We have nothing to do with these matters. We are following the instructions of the Election Commission. The Election Commission is deciding in its wisdom whatever it thinks fit. The Bihar Government and the Election Commission are the ones who are involved in this matter. The Central Government has no role in this matter.

MR. SPEAKER: I thought you were going to say 'let us take it up after the Question Hour.'

[Translation]

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: If hon'ble Minister is going to say something then we would like to put our submission first.

[English]

SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOUDHURY: Why are they demanding President's Rule in Bihar?

11.19 hrs.

At this stage, Dr. Mumtaz Ansari and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV (Nalanda): This all is being done at the instance of Prime Minister and BJP. Democracy is being murdered in Bihar (Interruptions)

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAJEE: Mr. Speaker, Sir, now as the discussion has started, you may continue it further (Interruptions) I would like to request that this matter is not related to Bihar and Election Commission only. I would urge upon the Government. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again at 12 O' Clock.

WRITTEN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Soil Survey and Land use Research Institutions

*21. SHRI ANNA JOSHI:
SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the soil survey and land use research institutions of the Central Government;

(b) the budgetary grants given to these institutions during 1993-94;

(c) whether the Government have evaluated the working of these institutions; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BAL RAM JAKHAR): (a) The National Bureau of soil Survey and land use Planning (NBSS&LUP) and All India Soil and Land Use Survey (AIS&LUS) are the two Central Government Institutions for Soil Survey and Land Use Research. AIS&LUS has its Headquarters at New Delhi and NBSS&LUP at Nagpur.

(b) The budgetary grants provided during the year 1993-94 to these Institutions are Rs. 442.5 lakhs for NBSS&LUP and Rs. 540 lakhs for AIS&LUS.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The working of these institutions are evaluated periodically by both external teams and internal monitoring. The latest Review Team (1989) Commended the work done by the Institute (NBSS&LUP) in terms of preparation of soil resource maps of different states of the country in 1:250,000 scale and that of the country in 1:1 million scale. The work done by AIS&LUS has also been commended by the evaluation team for its use in the implementation of the centrally sponsored programmes on River Valley Projects and on Flood Prone Rivers.

Wildlife Week

*22. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL. Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Wildlife Week was observed recently;

(b) if so, the programmes and schemes launched and projects undertaken in connection therewith;

* Not recorded.