

West Asia Environment conference

9095. SHRI N. J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the participants from India to the West Asia Environment Conference organised by the World Trade Centre, Dubai in April, 1992;

(b) the recommendations made by environmental experts in the conference; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on the suggestion/recommendations made in the conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) West Asia Environment Conference was held in Dubai from 7-9 April, 1992. Government of India was not invited to this Conference. As such no official delegation from India participated in the Conference.

(b) No recommendations made in the Conference have been received by the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Tiger Population

9096. SHRI DHARMANNA NMANDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in tiger population in the country due to large scale destruction of forests in all the Tiger Reserves during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise. However, intensive patrolling by the departmental staff is undertaken in all Tiger Reserves to protect the flora and fauna. In Addition, a new scheme titled "Eco-development around National Parks and Sanctuaries including project Tiger Areas" has been launched to ameliorate the hardships of the people living on the fringe of such areas and to reduce their conflict with the park authorities.—

Environment Friendly Chemicals

9097. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have embarked on creation of a list of environment friendly chemicals; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). Government has identified sixteen categories of consumer products, some of which are chemicals or may include a composition of chemicals in the process of manufacture. Within each category, criteria will be specified according to which products would be identified & whose manufacture use and disposal would significantly reduce the harm that would otherwise be caused to the environment. The categories of products identified are: