

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 SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No details 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 desired 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