

three years is as follows:

Year	(Rupees in lakhs)
1	2
1987-88	22.53
1988-89	48.41
1989-90	17.52

(d) Various activities undertaken under the above programmes include organisation of seminars/symposia, training courses, public meetings, audiovisual/film shows, essay/debate/painting competitions for school children, preparation and dissemination of educational resource material etc., for environmental awareness, strengthening of State Pollution Control Board and technical cell in the Department of Environment, promotion of research on environmental related areas and implementation of Management Action Plans for the Wetlands.

#### **Seepage of Oil into Damodar River**

7770. SHRISANATKUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent spilling of 1800 cubic litres of furnace oil by the Bokaro Steel Plant into the Damodar River flowing towards Calcutta has polluted the drinking water supply system linked with this river not only in Bihar but also in West Bengal;

(b) whether, as a result of this, the water supply had to be suspended in some of the cities;

(c) whether any inquiry has been ordered into this seepage of oil into the effluent discharge network of the Bokaro Steel Plant linked with the Damodar River; and

(d) if so, its outcome and the remedial measures being taken to prevent such mishaps in future?

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROU TRAY):** (a) A quantity of around 200 kilo litres of furnace oil is estimated to have leaked from Bokaro Steel Plant into the Damodar river and caused pollution of the river upto the Panchet Dam in Bihar.

(b) The supply of water to the cities of Chandrapur, Telmuchu, Jamadoba, Dhanbad and Jharia was disrupted.

(c) and (d). The Bokaro Steel Authorities have set up an Enquiry Committee to find out the cause of this leakage. A preliminary report points to theft as a motive and a complaint has been registered with the police on April 10, 1990. The Bokaro Steel Plant authorities have blank flanged the outlet pipe of the oil storage tanks to avoid any future leakage. On the advice of the Bihar State Pollution Control Board, the Bokaro Steel Authorities have also agreed to lead the storm drain, through which the leaked oil flowed into a pond, instead of directly to the river as at present, so that any future leakage can be detected and checked promptly.

#### **Imports by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited**

7771. SHRIV. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited, Calcutta have been increasing for the last five years;

(b) whether the company has been importing fire protection doors for the vessels;

(c) whether imports are mostly increasing from hard-currency areas; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof together with the items that are generally imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The imports during the last five years are as follows:—

	<i>Rs. in crores</i>
1984-85	16.53
1985-86	7.97
1986-87	20.58
1987-88	16.24
1988-89	65.89

The Company has been mainly importing main engines, propulsion packages, scientific equipment, navigational aids, monitoring equipment, weapon packages etc.

#### **Base Workshop for Overhauling Tanks and BMP-2 I.C.V.**

7772. SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of the technical feasibility study initiated to determine the feasibility of undertaking the overhaul of T-72 tanks and BMP-2 Infantry Combat Vehicles within the same factory where they are manufac-

tured; and

(b) the estimated capital outlay involved in the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The study is still to be completed.

(b) In view of (a) above, the estimation of capital cost is not possible at this stage.

#### **Ordnance Factory in Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra**

7773. SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a part of the ongoing projects for modernisation of Ordnance factories, Government propose to instal four new factories for the manufacture of modern tanks, weapons and ammunitions; and

(b) if so, whether in view of the ideal location of Vidharba, Government propose to consider the desirability of setting up one such factory in that region also; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b). At present, there is no proposal with the Government for setting up any new ordnance factory for manufacture of modern tanks, weapons and ammunitions.

#### **Migratory Birds to Chilka Lake**

7774. SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large-scale migration of birds to Chilka