

electronic surveillance ("e-Eye"), using long range, intelligent thermal and infrared cameras, has been implemented in the southern part of the Corbett Tiger Reserve for 24X7 surveillance to strengthen protection. The said initiative has been successfully implemented and well received by the State. Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, funding assistance is provided to States, bases on their demands as reflected in the respective Annual Plan of Operations, for such efforts.

#### **Development of housing projects on wetland**

162. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any complaints against the developers for development of housing projects on wetland etc.; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) and (b) A complaint was received regarding reclamation of wetland habitats in Bil Akbarpur, Greater Noida by M/s Ansal Private Limited for a township. A Central team was sent to the site to verify facts. On the basis of field inspections/verification, directions were issued by this Ministry to the builder under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to stop any construction/earth filling/land reclamation work in the vicinity of wetlands and lands having the characteristics of wetlands.

#### **New Board for environmental clearance of various projects**

163. SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to constitute a new Board to speed up environment clearance of various projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this initiative is confined to projects in the field of energy and infrastructure development only;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of projects that are awaiting approval for environment