

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*267**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023**

**Hoollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary**

\*267. SHRI TOPON KUMAR GOGOI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE BE pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Hoollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary, Jorhat is divided in two parts by the railway track and whether it is a fact that Gibbons never come down on the earth from the trees since gibbons are living in two parts and they are monogamous and unable to mate within family lines and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan so that the Gibbons can easily access both parts of the sanctuary and to protect the rare ape which are going to be lost in few years and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)**

(a), (b) and (c)                      A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) and (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*267 REGARDING HOOLLONGAPAR GIBBON SANCTUARY BY SHRI TOPON KUMAR GOGOI DUE FOR REPLY ON 20.03.2023**

- (a) and (b) As per the information received from the State of Assam, a railway line passes through the Hoollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary in Jorhat. Hoolock Gibbons are arboreal species and dwell on trees. However, there are records of Gibbons crossing the railway track on foot. Hoolock Gibbons are monogamous and avoid mating within family lines. Linear plantations along both sides of the railway track were carried out by the Assam Forest Department and it was observed that the Gibbons cross over the railway tracks using trees planted on either side of the track.

The Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change has sanctioned funds under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme: 'Development of Wildlife Habitats' for management of Hoollongapar Gibbon Sanctuary, including for installation of Canopy bridge for facilitating the movement of Hoolock Gibbons.

- (c) In view of (b) above, question does not arise.

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