

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4389
ANSWERED ON:24.04.2000
PROTECTION OF BIRDS
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are implementing a project for the protection of birds;
- (b) if so, the objectives and functions of the said project and the budgetary provisions made for this purpose;
- (c) the time since it has been initiated and the name of the implementing agency;
- (d) the progress made in achieving the objectives of said project;
- (e) whether process of reviewing its functioning has been initiated recently; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

- (a) The Government of India is implementing various Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the development and management of National Parks and Sanctuaries in the country. There is no specific project for the protection of birds.
- (b) The objectives and functions of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes is given in Annexure-I. The budgetary provisions under the schemes for the year 2000-2001 is given in Annexure-II.
- (c) The details of inception of the schemes is given in Annexure-III. The schemes are implemented by State Governments as Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- (d)&(e) The schemes have made satisfactory progress.
- (g) Does not arise.

ANNEXURE I

ANNEXURE IN RESPECT TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA QUESTION NO.4389 FOR 24.4.2000 REGARDING PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

The objectives and the functions of the various Centrally Sponsored Schemes are :

- i. Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries :
The scheme was launched during Vth Plan. The main objective of the scheme is to assist the States in the development of National Parks and Sanctuaries through financial assistance and facilitate and encourage the States to expand the protected area network. The scheme also helps the states to create infrastructural facilities for better protection and management of these protected areas.
- ii. Eco Development in and Around Protected Areas including Tiger Reserves :
This scheme was started by the Govt. of India in 1991-92. The main objective of the scheme is to ensure socio-economic welfare of the villagers living in and near Protected Areas, mainly through increasing the supply of fuelwood, fodder and small timber, improvement of livestock and agricultural productivity, income-generating cottage industries, alternative energy, education and health care with intensive measures in family planning.
- iii. Project Elephant :
The scheme was launched in 1991-92 as a sequel to a series of efforts to conserve this magnificent species covering primarily twelve states of India namely, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Assistance is provided to States for habitat improvement, protection of corridors etc.
- iv. Project Tiger :
The scheme was launched on 1st April, 1973 on the recommendation of special task force of the Indian Board for Wildlife. The main

objective of the scheme is to ensure the maintenance of viable population of tiger in India for scientific, economic, aesthetic, cultural and ecological values, to preserve areas of biological importance and to increase the tiger population to optimum levels by the improvement of the bio-tope and stimulation of its diversity according to the sound principles of conservation.

ANNEXURE II

ANNEXURE IN RESPECT TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA QUESTION NO.4389 FOR 24.4.2000 REGARDING PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

The budgetary provision for the Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the year 2000-2001:

Sl.No. Name of the Schemes Budgetary Provision during 2000-20001
(Rs. In crores)

- i. Dev. of National Parks & Sanctuaries 15.85
- ii. Eco dev. in and Around Protected Areas 15.33
including Tiger Reserves
- iii Project Elephant 4.80
- iv. Project Tiger 17.00

Source: Demands for grants of Ministry of Environment & Forests for 2000-2001.

ANNEXURE III

ANNEXURE IN RESPECT TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA QUESTION NO.4389 FOR 24.4.2000 REGARDING PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

The details of inception of the schemes are:

Sl.No Name of the Schemes Detail of inception of the schemes

i. Dev. of National Parks & Sanctuaries During Vth Plan

ii. Eco dev. in and Around Protected Areas including Tiger Reserves 1991-92

iii Project Elephant 1991-92

iv. Project Tiger 1st April, 1973