

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3363  
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2003  
THREAT FROM EAST-WEST CORRIDOR PROJECT  
AJIT KUMAR PANJA

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

- (a) whether the Government have taken stock of the situation of the tremendous disturbance to be caused to famous Mahananda Wild Life Sanctuary, Kalingpong Division, Baikunthapur Division, Garumara Park, Chapra Mari Sanctuary, Jaldapara National Park and Baksha Tiger Project of North Bengal in the process of construction of East-West Corridor project from Gujarat to Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have received any representations drawing attention on these issues; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps contemplated by the Government to protect the flora, fauna and the environment along the proposed super highway passing specially through North Bengal ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

- (a) to (c) The Forest Department of State Government of West Bengal has brought this matter to the notice of the Ministry of Environment and Forests and requested for a discussion in the National Board of Wildlife.
- (d) Adequate safeguards, as necessary, exist to meet such exigencies under the provisions of the Forest Conservation Act 1980, Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972 and Environment (Protection) Act 1986, as applicable.