

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to expand the number of Sanctuaries under its control;
- (b) if so, the details of sanctuaries to be taken over by the Government, State-wise; and
- (c) the criteria adopted by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) No, Sir. Government is not considering expanding the number of Sanctuaries under its control by taking over Sanctuaries from the State Governments. Establishment and maintenance of wildlife Sanctuaries is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.