

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

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

- (a) whether the National Bird 'Peacock' is vanishing due to commercial/religious use of its feathers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to check their killing and to increase their population?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a), (b) & (c) No such report of peacocks vanishing due to commercial /religious use of its feathers has been received by this Ministry. Peacocks are found both in the Protected Areas as well as outside Protected Areas near human habitations. In order to protect peacocks, they have been included in the Schedule-I of the wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 thereby giving them highest degree of protection. Certain Wildlife Sanctuaries like Adichunchunagarai Sanctuary in Karnataka and Naigaon Sanctuary in Maharashtra have been specially declared for conservation of peacocks.