

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:359
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WILDLIFE IN JIM CORBETT PARK
Paranjpe Shri Anand Prakash

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

- (a) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that several large venues for wedding, rain dances, parties, etc. have recently come up in and around Jim Corbett National Park;
- (b) if so, the extent of damage caused to wildlife;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to shift the venues far away from the Park; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) & (b) As per a recent survey conducted by the Ministry of Tourism, unhindered commercial activities around Corbett National Park is posing a serious threat to the eco-fragile zone, while obstructing movement of wild animals.
- (c) & (d) The State has been advised to expedite the creation of a buffer zone around the core/critical tiger habitat of Corbett Tiger Reserve for needful action vis-À-vis the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.