

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

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BIRDS IN THREATENED SPECIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether recent studies by Bird Life International and Bombay Natural History Society have revealed that the list of threatened bird species has risen in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the funds provided by the Government during the last three years and the current year for the protection of species of animals and birds which are threatened or are on the verge of extinction, State-wise; and
- (d) the achievements as a result of efforts made by the Government and the further steps the Government proposes to take in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. The studies by BirdLife International and Bombay Natural History Society show an increasing trend in the number of threatened bird species as shown in the following table:-

Year Critically Endangered Vulnerable Near Threatened
Endangered

2001	8	10	57	52
2006	9	11	54	55
2010	14	16	56	66

The main reasons for increase in the number of threatened bird species are deterioration of their habitat, hunting and unregulated use of pesticides/insecticides etc.

(c) The details of funds provided by the Government during the last three years and the current year for the protection of species of animals and birds under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', State-wise, are at Annexure.

(d) Funds are provided under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant' to the States/Union Territories for conservation of wildlife including birds. The Ministry also supports some studies on birds to Bombay Natural History Society, Salim Ali Center for Ornithology & Natural History (SACON), Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and other organizations.