

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

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ELEVATION OF NATIONAL PARK
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Nagarhole National Park has been elevated to international standards;
- (b) if so, whether under this project, many new animals will be added to the Park;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether other changes are being envisaged to bring this Park to international standards;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (e) Nagarhole was initially notified as a Wildlife Sanctuary in 1955 and has been elevated to the status of a National Park in 2003 by issuing the final notification. Over the years, the management interventions undertaken have resulted in the overall improvement of the Park resulting in the protection and conservation of flora & fauna. An independent evaluation of the management effectiveness of the area, carried out in 2006 using internationally accepted protocols, has categorized Nagarhole as 'Good'. Nagarhole National Park is maintained as per the approved Management Plan of international standards prepared by experts. It is indeed a Park of international repute. However, there is no proposal for introduction of new animals to the Park.