

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

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FUND FOR WILD LIFE CONSERVATION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to enhance the budget allocation for wild life conservation across the board so that the forest departments are able to obtain the best equipments and training to deal with the difficult tasks they have on hand;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any plans to fit radio- collars in carnivores that are captured near human habitations before being released in the wildlife habitats again; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

- (a) The Government of India provides financial assistance to the State/Union Territory Governments for conservation of wildlife under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant' so that the forest departments are able to obtain necessary equipments and training to effectively discharge the responsibility towards conservation and protection of wildlife. Government constantly endeavours to enhance the financial and technical recourses for the purpose every year.
- (b)&(c) As per the guidelines issued by the Ministry for 'Human-Leopard Conflict Management', radio collar, microchip marking and ear tag or colour coded collars have been identified as one of the methods for monitoring of translocated carnivores including leopard before releasing the animal in the wild.