

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

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DECLARATION OF SENSITIVE AREA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified or proposes to identify some areas of the country including Uttar Pradesh as sensitive from the environmental point of view;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has notified eco-sensitive zones under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 in respect of the following areas State-wise:

- # Matheran (Maharashtra)
- # Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani (Maharashtra)
- # Doon Valley (Uttarakhand)
- # Numaligarh (Assam)
- # Aravalli (Haryana and Rajasthan)
- # Murud-Janjira (Maharashtra)
- # Dhanu Taluka (Maharashtra)
- # Mount Abu and its surrounding region (Rajasthan)
- # Area around Sultanpur National Park (Haryana)
- # Dandi (Gujarat)

Draft notifications for declaration of eco-sensitive zones around National Parks and Sanctuaries and other areas under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 have been issued in respect of the following state-wise:

- # Kalesar National Park (Haryana)
- # Kalesar Wildlife Sanctuary (Haryana)
- # Khol Hi Raitan Wildlife Sanctuary (Haryana)
- # Bir Shikargarh Wildlife Sanctuary (Haryana)
- # Nahar Wildlife Sanctuary (Haryana)
- # Chhilchhila Wildlife Sanctuary (Haryana)
- # Abubshaher Wildlife Sanctuary (Haryana)
- # Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary (Haryana)
- # Khaparwas Wildlife Sanctuary (Haryana)

Girnar Wildlife Sanctuary (Gujarat)

Narayan Sarovar Sanctuary (Gujarat)

Purna Wildlife Sanctuary (Gujarat)

Balaram-Ambaji Wildlife Sanctuary (Gujarat)

About 135 km stretch of river Bhagirathi from Gaumukh to Uttarkashi (Uttarakhand)

(c) The Government has issued guidelines to facilitate the states/union territory Governments to identify areas for declaration of eco-sensitive zones around national parks and wild life sanctuaries.