

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

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FUNDS FOR PROTECTION OF BIRDS

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

- (a) whether the Government has been implementing any project for protection of birds including migratory birds in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the projects alongwith the budget allocation for the purpose and the time since it is being implemented alongwith the name of the implementing agencies;
- (c) whether an assessment of performance of the said project has been undertaken recently;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b) The Union Government provides financial and technical assistance to the State/Union Territory Governments for protection of wildlife including birds, both residential and migratory, and its habitats in the country under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant'. The scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' is being implemented since the 7th Five Year Plan. The 'Project Tiger' was launched in 1973 and the 'Project Elephant' was launched in the year 1991-92. Funds released to the State / Union Territory Governments under these schemes during the last three years is given in the Annexure.

(c) and (d) The Ministry has initiated the Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme- Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats'. So far, the Management Effectiveness Evaluation of 58 PAs has been completed.

(e)and (f) Does not arise.