

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:111
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2011
MONITORING OF WILD ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidents of man-animal conflict have been reported in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the details of such incidents during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) the total compensation paid to the victims during the said period, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to monitor the movement of wild animals using Information Technology devices in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (f)

A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) AND (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 111 REGARDING 'MONITORING OF WILD ANIMALS' BY SHRI ABDUL RAHMAN AND SHRI C. RAJENDRAN DUE FOR REPLY ON 08. 08.2011.

(a) & (b) Man-animal conflicts are common in various parts of the country. The Government is giving highest priority to mitigate the problem and has initiated a number of steps in this regard including the following:

1. Providing assistance to State Governments for improvement of habitat to augment food and water availability and to reduce movement of animals from the forests to the habitations.
2. Encouraging State Governments for creation of a network of Protected Areas and wildlife corridors for conservation of wildlife.
3. Awareness programmes to sensitize the people about the Do's and Don'ts to minimize conflicts.
4. Training programmes for forest staff and police to address the problems of human-wildlife conflicts.
5. Issuance of guidelines to the State Governments for management of human-leopard conflict.
6. Providing technical and financial support for development of necessary infrastructure and support facilities for immobilization of problematic animals through tranquilization, their translocation to the rescue centres or release back to the natural habitats.
7. Providing assistance to State Governments for construction of boundary walls and solar fences around the sensitive areas to prevent the wild animal attacks.
8. Supplementing State Government resources for payment of ex-gratia to the people for injuries and loss of life in case of wild animal attacks.
9. Empowering the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State/Union Territories to permit hunting of such problematic animals under the provisions of the Wild Life

(Protection) Act, 1972.

10. Providing assistance to the State Governments for eco-development activities in villages around Protected Areas to elicit cooperation of local community in management of the Protected Areas.

11. Encouraging and supporting involvement of the research and academic institutions and leading voluntary organizations having expertise in managing human-wildlife conflict situations.

(c) & (d)

Incidents of man-animal conflict are reported from States/Union Territories of the country. However, the State/Union Territory-wise details of such incidences are not compiled in the Ministry. Payment of ex-gratia to the victims of wild animals is the responsibility of the concerned State/ Union Territory Governments. The Central Government only supplements the financial resources available with the States/ Union Territory Governments for the purpose by providing limited funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of 'Project Tiger', 'Project Elephant' and 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats'.

(e) & (f) Some devices of Information Technology, viz., radio collars with Very High Frequency, Global Positioning System and Satellite uplink facilities, are being used by the research institutions including Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, State Forest Departments and the National Tiger Conservation Authority to monitor the movement of Lions, Tigers, Elephants, Olive Ridley Turtles, and other wild animals to understand their movements and their use pattern of the habitat.