

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1167  
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DEVELOPMENT OF SANCTUARIES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals from various State Governments for development of parks/sanctuaries in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the financial assistance sought for the projects, including Andhra Pradesh during the last two years and the current financial year, State-wise;
- (c) the time by which the proposals are likely to be cleared;
- (d) the specific funds sought and given for Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to protect the flora and fauna of the Coringa Sanctuary and of the adjacent Kolleru Lake in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Proposals for financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz., 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant' have been received from various State/UT Governments including Andhra Pradesh during last two years and the current financial year. State-wise details of financial assistance released during the last two years and the current year under these Schemes is given in the Annexure.

(c) All proposals received from the State/UT Governments, as per the guidelines of the schemes, during the last two years under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes have been disposed off. The proposals received during the current financial year will be dealt with in accordance with the guidelines of the schemes and as per availability of funds.

(d) Details of funds sought for and released to Coringa Sanctuary, Andhra Pradesh during last three years under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' are as below:

Year	Amount proposed (Rs. in Lakhs)	Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)
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2008-09	14.00	9.95
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2009-10	17.50	12.25
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2010-11	14.00	9.23
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(e) Proposal for the current financial year 2011-12 has not been received so far.

The steps taken to protect flora and fauna of Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary include:

1. Providing financial assistance to the State Government under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes for conservation and management of mangrove forests on the East coast of Andhra Pradesh.
2. A project funded by United Nations Development Programme - Global Environment Facility has been launched recently for Biodiversity Conservation of East Godavari Estuary area, which includes Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary.
3. Eco-development Committees have been formed for eliciting participation of local communities in protection of mangroves in both Kolleru and Coringa Wildlife Sanctuaries.
4. Kolleru lake is being protected to secure the Krishna-Godavari Delta ecosystem against severe local pressure.
5. State Government has established check posts and base camps and it deploys local people as animal trackers and wildlife watchers to undertake intensive patrolling in the area.
6. Awareness programmes are conducted in the protected areas for conserving wildlife.