GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:945 ANSWERED ON:28.11.2011 SECURITY FOR WILD ANIMALS Punia Shri P.L.

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide additional security and budget for those protected sanctuaries where the number of wild animals is increasing continuously;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has received the proposals from the State Governments in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The protected areas in the country are managed by the concerned State/Union Territory Governments as per scientifically prepared Management Plans. The Ministry of Environment and Forests provides financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' to State/Union Territory Governments based on the Annual Plan of Operations prepared and submitted by them in accordance with the requirement on the ground. There is no specific proposal in the Ministry to provide additional security and budget for those protected areas where the number of wild animals is increasing continuously. The details of funds released to various State/Union Territory Governments under the Scheme during the last three years, and the current financial year, are at Annexure.