

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PROTECTION OF WILD ANIMALS

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch public awareness campaign for the protection of animals such as Lion, Leopard and Bear etc., in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is already engaged in creating public awareness for the protection of wild animals and its habitats through the print and electronic media, workshops and training programmes and awareness drives in the educational institutes etc. Important steps taken by the Government for public awareness for protection of wild animals including lion, leopard and bear include:

i. Financial assistance is provided to the State Government of Gujarat for the conservation of lions which includes awareness programmes.

ii. The Ministry has issued the guidelines for managing human-leopard conflicts for creating awareness among the public for safety of human beings and conservation of leopards.

iii. Special events like World Environment Day, World Forestry Day and Wildlife Week etc. are organized every year to spread awareness among the people for protection and conservation of environment, forests and wildlife.

iv. Financial and technical assistance is extended to the State Governments under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz, 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant' for providing better protection and conservation to wildlife, including awareness programmes.