

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

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IMPACT OF POLLUTION ON WILDLIFE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to save the Flora-Fauna and Wildlife of the North-Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to check the impact of environmental pollution on the Flora and Fauna and Wildlife in the said region of the country?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b) The important steps taken to protect the flora and fauna and wildlife in the country including North-Eastern States are:
 - (i) Rare and endangered species of wildlife are included in Schedule-I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 thereby according them highest degree of protection.
 - (ii) Stringent punishments have been provided for in the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for violation of provisions of the Act.
 - (iii) Important habitats of wildlife, including endangered species have been notified as Protected Areas under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for better conservation and protection of wildlife and their habitats.
 - (iv) Financial & technical assistance is provided to the State/Union Territory Governments under Centrally Sponsored Schemes of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger', and 'Project Elephant' for protection and management of wildlife habitats. At least 10 % of the allocations under these Schemes are earmarked for the North Eastern states.
 - (v) Sixteen species of wild animals have been identified under the component 'Recovery programme for saving critically endangered species and habitats' of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', wherein financial assistance is given to State Governments for recovery programme of the species.
 - (vi) India is signatory to all major international conventions relating to conservation and management of wildlife, including endangered species of wildlife.
 - (vii) Research and monitoring activities on wildlife are promoted by the Government through reputed research organizations.
- (c) Excepting the measures taken to mitigate the effects of, and reduce, environmental pollution due to anthropogenic activities in general, no measures have been taken specifically to check the impact of environmental pollution on the flora, fauna and wildlife in the North-Eastern region.