

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme to protect and preserve the new family of amphibians named 'caecilians' which are common in North-Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect the said rare amphibians?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is providing financial and technical assistance to the State/Union Territory Governments for protection and conservation of wildlife including amphibians and their habitats under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes like 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and Project Elephant'. However, no scheme has been launched by the Ministry specifically for protection of Amphibians.