

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

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PROTECTION TO ANIMALS FROM FLOODS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been threat from floods to wildlife/parks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the loss estimated during the last three years and the current year State-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken to protect animals at such times in future in each State including Haryana?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Flood is a natural phenomena occurring in many parts of the country resulting in mortality of wild animals, damage to infrastructure like roads, anti-poaching camps, communication networks etc. in wildlife sanctuaries and National Parks. Details of the loss by flood to wildlife sanctuaries and National Parks are not collated in the Ministry.

(c) The measures necessary for appropriate management of wildlife protected areas are decided by the authorities in the concerned State Governments in accordance with the management plans for such protected areas. The Ministry provides financial assistance to State Governments including the State Government of Haryana for implementation of the management plans for such protected areas in accordance with the Annual Plans of Operation submitted by them under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant'.