GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3225 ANSWERED ON:18.03.2013 CHECK ON HUMAN WILDLIFE CONFLICTS Patle Kamla Devi

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

(a) whether the incidents of human-wildlife conflicts are rising in the country;

(b) if so, the number of human beings and wild animals killed in such incidents during the last three years and the current year, Statewise;

(c) whether there is any provision for grant of compensation of kin of the persons killed by wild animals;

(d) if so, the State-wise number of affected persons who were paid compensation so far; and

(e) the amount of compensation paid in each case?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Incidents of human-animal conflicts have been received in the Ministry from time to time. However, there are no reports indicating that such conflicts are on the rise in the country. Year-wise and State-wise and details of number of human and animal death due to such conflicts are not collated in the Ministry.

(c) In the Centrally sponsored Schemes 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant', a component of payment of ex-gratia amount to the kin of the persons killed by wild animals is available. Ministry of Environment and Forests has circulated a norm of payment of ex-gratia of Rs. 2.00 lakh in case of death of the victim.

(d)&(e) Payment of compensation to the kin of the person killed by wild animals in the States/Union Territories is the responsibility of the concerned State/Union Territory Government. The detail of such payments are not collated in the Ministry of Environment and Forests.