

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

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CHECK ON POACHING OF GREAT INDIAN BUSTARD
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the poaching of 'Great Indian Bustard' is rampant in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; 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)&(b) The Ministry has received a report on poaching of one Great Indian Bustard in Desert National Park in Rajasthan on 20.12.2012. However, there are no reports of rampant poaching of Great Indian Bustard in the country.

(c) The Ministry has been providing financial and technical assistance to State Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats" which includes provision of financial assistance for taking up recovery programmes for saving critically endangered species and habitats. Under this component of the scheme presently 16 species including Great Indian Bustard have been identified for support. Ministry has prepared a guideline for the Recovery Programme of the Great Indian Bustard and has been circulated to State Governments. Further, the Ministry has directed the State Government of Rajasthan for taking effective measures for the conservation of the Great Indian Bustard in the Desert National Park and nearby habitats of Great Indian Bustard.