

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

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LATEST EQUIPMENT TO FOREST GUARDS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to equip the forest guards with the latest equipment/weapons to protect the wild animals from poaching in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; 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)&(c) The Ministry has been providing financial assistance to the State/Union Territory Governments for various activities including purchase of equipments, arms and ammunition for protection of wild animals under the various Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz., 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant' as per the requirement of the States/ Union Territories and subject to availability of funds. During the financial year 2012-13, an amount of Rs. 74.89 crores, Rs. 162.87 crores and Rs. 17.96 crores were released to the States/ Union Territory Governments under the Scheme 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant' respectively, to support various activities to protect wildlife.