

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

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PROTECTION TO BEARS IN FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to check human interference in the forests of Mount Abu and to protect bears of this forest;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) As informed by the State Government of Rajasthan, the State Government has formulated Management Plan for Mount Abu Wildlife Sanctuary wherein specific measures have been incorporated to check human interference in the forests of Mount Abu Sanctuary. The Management Plan also provides for activities like Eco-restoration works, creation of physical barriers on forest boundary, plantation of fruit bearing species to reduce man-animal conflict in the area.

(c) Financial assistance is provided to the State Government of Rajasthan under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats. The Ministry has provided Rs.13.78 lakh and Rs.23.355 lakh during the years 2010-11 and 2012-13 respectively for Mount Abu Wildlife Sanctuary under the said scheme.