

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2095
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ENCROACHMENT OF SANJAY GANDHI NATIONAL PARK
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several acres of land at Sanjay Gandhi National Park situated at North Mumbai have been encroached upon by the people living around;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to resettle these people elsewhere; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. As informed by the State Government of Maharashtra, approximately 200 ha. of forest land is under encroachment by the people living around the Park.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. As per the order of the Hon`ble High Court in Writ Petition No. 305/95, total 25144 encroachers are found eligible for rehabilitation. Out of these 8711 eligible encroachers have already been rehabilitated at Chandivali, Taluka Kurla, Mumbai.