

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

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

- (a) whether the threat level of any endangered species has been lowered during the last three years; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Complete quantitative analysis of all the endangered species of flora has not been assessed by Botanical Survey of India. However a few instances where species have been rediscovered, one of the indicators of reduced threat, are as follows:

Crotalaria digitata, *Dioscorea spicata*, *Hubbardia heptaneuron*, *Madhuca bourdillonii*, *Ophiorrhiza caudata*, *O. radicans*, *Plectranthus bishopianus*, *Pogostemon nilagiricus*, *Polyalthia crassa*, *Premna paucinervis*, *Syzygium courtallense* and *Uniyala multibracteata* are some of the recently rediscovered and relocated species, which were earlier reported to be probably extinct in the wild.

Similarly, quantitative estimation of comparative threat level of endangered faunal species has not been assessed by Zoological Survey of India. However, threat, has minimized in terms of habitat protection through prohibition of illegal anthropogenic activities in national parks and wildlife sanctuaries, habitat restoration as well as through protection of endangered species by species recovery programmes.