

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

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

- (a) whether the Zoological Survey of India has discovered a number of new animal species including birds in the country during the last one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof , species-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for the conservation of these species?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The details of 133 new species and 109 new records of animals, including birds, discovered, described and reported during 2012 from India is at Annexure-I.

(c) The species discovered by ZSI during the year 2012 are mostly from Protected Areas of the country and from inside National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Protected Forest, Wetlands of International Importance (RAMSAR Sites), Conservation Reserves and Biosphere Reserves designated by Government of India for wildlife conservation and the species are protected through the legislations and schedules of the Wildlife (protection) Act, 1972 and through other related laws of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India applicable to all these areas..