

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE AREAS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified or proposes to identify some areas of the country particularly in Bihar as sensitive areas from the environmental point of view;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) and (b) In pursuance to the decisions taken by the National Board for Wildlife in its meeting held on 17.03.2005, site specific proposals for declaration of Eco-sensitive Zones around National Parks and Sanctuaries have been received from various State/ Union Territory Governments, including Bihar. The state-wise details of proposals received are at Annexure.

(c) The declaration of Eco-Sensitive Zones around National Parks and Sanctuaries is a long drawn process. It involves consultation with States and also seeking comments from the public, after issuing a preliminary notification giving 60 days for this purpose. As per the Gazette Notification No. G.S.R. 513 (E) dated 28th June 2012, final notifications for eco-sensitive zones are to be issued within a period of 545 days, for those proposals for which comments have been received from the public, after the publication of preliminary notification.