

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

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Safe Passage for Wildlife

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Union Government proposes to review its decision of providing safe passage to wildlife to facilitate easier road construction;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the National Highways Authority of India has objected to the proposed measures; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) There is no specific proposal or decision of MOEF&CC on providing safe passage to wildlife to facilitate easier road construction. In accordance with regulations, proposals of activities related to roads are considered by the respective regulatory authorities and decisions are taken in accordance with the principles of sustainable development.

National Highway Authority of India and the respective regulatory authorities work together for a balance in conservation and development and adequate mitigation measures are adopted, as feasible.