

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

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

- (a) the funds sanctioned to various States for the protection of wildlife during the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Assam and the works undertaken as a result thereof;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to preserve and protect wildlife diversity during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to incentivize State Governments in the protection of State birds and animals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(d) The Ministry has been releasing financial and technical assistance annually to the State/Union Territory Governments including Government of Assam for undertaking various activities for protection and conservation of wildlife and its habitats under Centrally Sponsored Schemes 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant'. Details of funds released to State/Union Territory Governments including Government of Assam under these Schemes during last three years and the current year are given in the Annexure.

The works undertaken under the schemes are in accordance with the management plans of the concerned protected areas and include activities related to inter alia habitat improvement, protection measures, improvement of communication facilities, development of protection infrastructure and fire protection.

The management and protection of wildlife diversity including the State birds and animals is the responsibility of the concerned State/ Union Territory Governments. However, the Ministry provides financial assistance to the State Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes as noted above for protection and conservation of wildlife and its habitats including State birds and animals. Additionally, some of the State birds and animals like the Great Indian Bustard, Wild Buffalo, Snow Leopard and Hangul etc are also covered in the 'Recovery Programs for Critically Endangered Species' under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat'. The Ministry has been providing Central assistance to the States under the Scheme to take up recovery programs for saving these critically endangered species and their habitats.