

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

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OLIVE RIDLEY CONSERVATION
Thota Shri Narasimham

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

- (a) whether the wildlife wing of the Forest Department has resumed the Olive Ridley Conservation programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to undertake similar initiatives to protect wildlife; 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 identified the Marine Turtles for taking up activities under 'Recovery Programs for Critically Endangered Species' under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat'. However no proposal under the programme seeking Central assistance for conservation of Olive Ridley turtle has been received from the State governments where the turtle is found.

Union Government provides financial assistance to the States/ Union Territories under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' to implement activities as per Annual Plan of Operation proposed by the State/Union Territory Governments for conservation of wildlife and their habitats in the Protected Areas. The details of funds released to the State/Union Territory Governments under the Scheme during the last five years is given in Annexure-1. Assistance is also provided for conservation of identified species under the component of 'Recovery Programs for Critically Endangered Species'. Under this component, 17 species have been identified including marine turtles and the Central government has provided assistance to ten States for taking up activities in respect of nine species. The details of funds released for species recovery programme during the last five years is given in Annexure-2