

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROTECTION OF FORESTS AND WILDLIFE

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

- (a) the details of protected forest areas in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the funds earmarked for protection of wildlife in such area;
- (c) the role of wildlife wing for protection of wildlife these protected areas and fund earmarked and allocated for the purpose, State-wise including Assam;
- (d) whether any study has been undertaken on the impact of climate change on wildlife; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) As per the information available in the Ministry, there are 670 Protected Areas declared under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 comprising of National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Conservation Reserves and Community Reserves. State-wise details of the Protected Areas is at Annexure-I.

(b)&(c) The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 empowers the Chief Wildlife Wardens and other authorised officers in the States/Union Territories for prevention and detection of wildlife offences and to initiate prosecution proceedings against the offenders.

The Ministry provides financial assistance to the State/Union Territory Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' and 'Project Tiger' for taking up activities related to protection and conservation of wildlife and management of its habitats in Protected Areas.

An amount of Rs. 800.00 crores and Rs. 1245.00 crores have been approved for these Schemes during the 12th Five Year Plan. Details of funds tentatively allocated to the State /Union Territory Governments including Assam under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' and 'Project Tiger' during the current financial year is at Annexure –II.

(d)&(e) No study has been done by the Ministry on the impact of climate change on wildlife.