

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

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ECO-SENSITIVE-ZONE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the areas around the wildlife sanctuaries and the national parks have been declared as eco-sensitive zones by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the areas around these sanctuaries and the parks covered under the said zone;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Governments including Rajasthan regarding issuing of notification in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the notification is likely to be issued?

Answer

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

(a)and (b) Yes, Sir. Final notifications for declaration of Eco-Sensitive Zones around eight National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries have been issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change. The details of such notifications are given at Annexure-1.

(c)and (d) Yes, Sir. As on date 416 proposals for declaration of Eco-Sensitive Zones around National Parks and Sanctuaries have been received from various State/Union Territory Government, including 27 proposals from the State of Rajasthan. The state-wise details of proposals received are at Annexure-2.

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. As such, no specific time frame can be indicated for issue of final notification.