

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROPOSALS OF ECO-SENSITIVE ZONES

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

(a) whether a number of proposals received from the State Government of Gujarat for declaration as eco-sensitive zone in respect of wild life sanctuaries and National parks are pending with the Government; and

(b) if so, the details of such proposals along with the time by which they are likely to be approved?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has received proposals for declaration of Eco-Sensitive Zones around 18 National Parks and Sanctuaries in Gujarat. From amongst these, Eco-Sensitive Zones around seven National Parks and Sanctuaries have been notified. The proposal on Shoolpaneshwar Sanctuary has been withdrawn by the State Government. Further, in respect of proposals for Balaram Ambaji Sanctuary and Rampara Sanctuary, the State Government has been requested to provide certain essential documents required for further processing. The Ministry has already put the remaining 11 proposals in process. However, as declaration of Eco-Sensitive Zones around National Parks and Sanctuaries involves consultation with States besides seeking comments from the public, after issuing a preliminary notification giving 60 days for this purpose, no specific time frame can be indicated for issue of final notification.