

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3626**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2018

**Protection of One-horned Rhinoceros**

3626. SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any special scheme for protection of world famous one-horned Rhinoceros of Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds being provided to State of Assam under the said scheme;
- (c) whether the efforts being made by the State Government for Rhinoceros protection meet the purpose/achieve the aims of scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a)and(b) One-horned rhinoceros is one of the seventeen species identified for Recovery programme for critically endangered species, a component under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats'. Under this scheme Central assistance is provided for the recovery and protection of seventeen species in the country.

The funds provided under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Project Tiger' for protection and conservation of tigers in National Parks of Assam also provides protection and conservation to other animals including one-horned Rhinoceros.

Details of funds provided to Assam under CSS- 'Project Tiger' and 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' during the current financial year is given in the **Annexure**.

- (c) and (d) Following steps has been taken by the State Government for protection of Rhinoceros :

- i. The armed personnel in Kaziranga National Park have been deployed. Presently, 382 numbers of Assam Forest Protection Force personnel, 119-Armed Home Guards besides the regular Forest Staff have been deployed in Kaziranga National Park. 50 additional Home Guards have been deployed in Kaziranga National Park recently.
- ii. Sophisticated weapons like INSAS Rifles and SLR has been procured by the State Government for use in Kaziranga National Park for anti poaching activities.
- iii. For soliciting cooperation from fringe villagers around Kaziranga National Park and assist in curbing Rhino poaching, 50 numbers of Eco-development Committees have been registered through which development works in the villages are being taken up.
- iv. Arrangement has been made to keep 24 hours surveillance on the park through Electronic Eye Surveillance System and drones.
- v. A Special Task Force (STF) headed by an Additional Director General of Police has been constituted by the Government of Assam to curb Rhino poaching in Kaziranga National Park.
- vi. Number of anti-poaching camps have been increased in Kaziranga National Park to increase effective surveillance in and around the Park.
- vii. Joint operation by Forest, Police and STF is also conducted regularly to nab the suspected poachers and joint patrolling is also carried out regularly.

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Annexure

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3626 REGARDING “PROTECTION OF ONE-HORNED RHINOCEROS” RAISED BY SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH DUE FOR REPLY ON 16.3.2018**

**Details of funds released to Assam under CSS-‘Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats’ (IDWH) and ‘Project Tiger’ during 2017-18**

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	Name of PAs	Funds released	
		IDWH	Project Tiger
1	Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary	31.39	-
2	Deepar beel Wildlife Sanctuary	14.71	-
3	Bherajan-Borajan Podumani WLS	16.37	-
4	Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary	20.23	-
5	Panidihing Bird Sanctuary	20.21	-
6	Barail Wildlife Sanctuary	21.82	-
7	East Karbi Anglong Wildlife Sanctuary	14.56	-
8	Garampani Wildlife Sanctuary	7.54	-
9	Chakrasila Wildlife Sanctuary	25.34	-
10	Marat Longri Wildlife Sanctuary	26.83	-
11	Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary	14.99	-
12	Dibru –Saikhowa National Park	29.37	-
12	Nambor Wildlife Sanctuary	4.03	-
13	Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary	15.03	-
14	Nambor Doigrung Wildlife Sanctuary	9.02	-
15	Dehing patkai Wildlife Sanctuary	4.49	-
16	Kaziranga National Park	-	1126.27
17	Manas National Park	-	439.79
18	Orang National Park	-	264.21
	<b>Total</b>	<b>275.93</b>	<b>1830.27</b>

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