

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4474
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2020

Effects of Cyclones on Wildlife

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

- (a) whether the Government has commissioned any study on the frequent cyclones and its impact on wildlife along the coast of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Union Government and State Government of Odisha to offset the effects of cyclones on the wildlife along the coast of Odisha?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a) and (b) As per information received from Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha, they have not commissioned any study on the frequent cyclones and its impact on wildlife along the coast of Odisha.
- (c) The management of wildlife and its habitat is the primarily responsibility of the concerned State Governments/ UT Administrations. Government of India provides funds from Centrally Sponsored Schemes- 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' for undertaking various activities to States/UTs. As per information received from Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha, the following measures were taken to offset the effects of cyclones on wildlife along the coast of Odisha:
 - i. Strayed wild animals were rescued by the staff and released in their habitats.
 - ii. Creation of afforestation and meadow development works along the coastal divisions of the State to reduce the impact of cyclones.
 - iii. Eco Development Committees of the coastal divisions have been sensitized for protection of wildlife during cyclones.
 - iv. Squads have been developed for protection of wildlife during the time of cyclones.
