

CHECK ON INCIDENTS OF HUMAN ANIMAL CONFLICTS

10th February, 2014

LSQ 3047

Rajendran Shri C.
Saroj Shri Tufani
Punia Shri P.L.
Venugopal Shri P.

Will the Minister of **ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS** be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the incidents of human-animal conflicts have been increasing in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to delist the wild animals such as 'Neelgai' and 'Boars' from the category of protected wild animals to remove ban on killing of said wild animals causing threat to human lives;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government also has any proposal to establish more elephant corridors in the country to curb such incidents; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a permanent policy is likely to be formulated by the Government to protect humans and crops from the attack of wild animals?

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (Dr. M. VEERAPPA MOILY)

(a)&(b) Informations about incidents of human-animal conflicts have been received in the Ministry from time to time. However, there are no reports indicating that such conflicts are on the rise in the country. Year-wise and State-wise and details of number of human- animal conflicts are not collated in the Ministry.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No Sir.

(f) There is no practice of establishing an elephant corridor in the country. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Elephant, a provision for securing an elephant corridor is listed as one of the activities for which central assistance can be provided to the States.

At the same time, various measures are adopted in the States for dealing with human – wildlife conflicts, depending upon the site and species. These include boundary fences including live wire fences, boundary walls, trenches, capture of problematic animals and translocation to other habitats or captivity, population management, elimination in case of man eaters etc. As interim measures ex- gratia payment is provided to the victims of animal depredation. Provision of funds for the States for such measures is also available in the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats. Project Tiger and Project Elephant.

HUMAN ANIMAL CONFLICTS

16th December, 2013

LSQ *154

Singh Shri N.Dharam

Will the Minister of **ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS** be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of elephant corridors set up in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of the wild animals including elephants entering into villages and causing huge damage to human life thereby creating mess in the human habitations and also causing damage to crops and properties in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to establish more elephant corridors in the country to curb the rising incidents of such conflicts; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for Project Elephant for this purpose during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN):

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 154 BY SHRI N. DHARAM SINGH, MP REGARDING “HUMAN-ANIMAL CONFLICTS” DUE FOR ANSWER ON 16.12.2013.

(a) There is no practice of setting up of elephant corridors in the country. However, as a part of the Centrally- sponsored Scheme “Project Elephant” (CSS-PE) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, 138, 28 and 17 State, inter-State and international elephant corridors have been

identified, respectively. The State-wise details in this regard are at Annexure I. Activities qualifying for Central-assistance in these areas under the Scheme are the following:-

- i. Improvement of habitats / corridors by enrichment plantation/eco restoration
- ii. Removal of invasive species
- iii. Creation of water bodies/ salt licks
- iv. Fire protection measures
- v. Eco-restoration of corridors/migration routes and paths including acquisition and relocation
- vi. Soil and water conservation measures

The elephant bearing States have been requested to secure the identified corridors and financial assistance is provided to them for this purpose under CSS-PE.

(b)&(c) Yes sir. Taking note of the human-animal conflict the Government of India has taken the following measures to mitigate the problem.

- i. Financial assistance is provided to the State Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz., 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant' for improvement of forest and wildlife areas like the national parks and sanctuaries to augment food and water availability in forests which can reduce migration of animals from forests to the habitations.
 - ii. Construction of barriers like boundary walls and solar-powered electric fences around the sensitive areas to prevent wild animal attacks. These activities are also eligible for Central assistance.
 - iii. Development of necessary infrastructure and support facilities for immobilization of the identified problematic animals through tranquilization, and their relocation to the natural habitat or rehabilitation in rescue centers.
 - iv. The Chief Wildlife Wardens of the States/Union Territories are empowered to permit hunting of problematic animals under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
 - v. Programmes are launched to sensitize people and create awareness about the Do's and Don'ts in case of scare and attacks of wild animals.
 - vi. Eco-development activities are undertaken in villages around Protected Areas to elicit the cooperation of communities in management of the Protected Areas which includes actions to address the grievances of people regarding human-wildlife conflicts.
- (d) There is no proposal to establish any elephant corridor in the country.

(e) Details of State-wise release of funds under Centrally-sponsored Scheme “Project Elephant”, which is a comprehensive programme for conservation of elephants and includes assistance for securing of elephant habitats and corridors, during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure II.

ANNEXURE I

ANNEXURE TO THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 154 REGARDING “HUMAN-ANIMAL CONFLICTS” DUE FOR ANSWER ON 16.12.2013

List of identified elephant corridors

State Corridor		Inter-State Corridor		International Corridor	
State	Number	States	Number	2 Countries	Number
Meghalaya	26	Jharkhand– Odisha	8	Indo-Bangladesh	6
Odisha	21	Arunachal– Assam	4	Indo- Bhutan	4
Tamilnadu	19	Karnataka– Tamilnadu	4	Indo- Myanmar	4
Assam	15	Assam– Nagaland	3	Indo – Nepal	3
West Bengal	14	Jharkhand – West Bengal	3		
Kerala	12	Arunachal– Nagaland	2		
Karnataka	9	Jharkhand– M.P.	1		
Arunachal Pradesh	8	Odisha–W. Bengal	1		
Jharkhand	6	Karnataka– Kerala	1		
Uttrakhand	5	Kerala-Tamilnadu	1		
Uttar Pradesh	3				
Total	138	Total	28	Total	17

ANNEXURE II

ANNEXURE TO THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 154 REGARDING “HUMAN-ANIMAL CONFLICTS” DUE FOR ANSWER ON 16.12.2013

State-wise release of funds under Centrally-sponsored Scheme “ Project Elephant during the last three years and the current year.

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No	State/UTs	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
1	Andhra Pradesh	15.00	-	11.28	-

2	Arunachal Pr.	10.00	55.00	-	83.48
3	Assam	139.55	200.00	250.00	173.00
4	Chhattisgarh	75.00	150.00	60.29	49.622
5	Jharkhand	80.00	105.87	59.512	65.655
6	Karnataka	300.76	261.83	240.296	325.412
7	Kerala	265.39	282.55	294.89	195.01
8	Maharashtra	29.00	20.29	20.47	18.682
9	Meghalaya	103.838	128.52	106.875	101.00
10	Nagaland	41.30	25.00	18.75	17.40
11	Orissa	113.50	214.60	210.00	206.00
12	Tamil Nadu	226.879	228.49	250.312	211.00
13	Tripura	-	6.00	5.77	-
14	Uttar Pradesh	80.15	49.30	14.76	-
15	Uttarakhand	206.82	141.99	161.46	115.068
16	West Bengal	410.206	224.50	91.865	97.626
17	Haryana	100.00	-		-
	Total	2197.393	2093.94	1796.53	1688.955

CHECK ON MAN ANIMAL CONFLICTS

12th August, 2013

LSQ 1017

Dhruvanarayana Shri R.
Krishnaswamy Shri M.
Karunakaran Shri P.

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide drinking water facilities inside the Forest Area for the Forest Animals to avoid man-animal conflicts in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds spent in this regard during the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Karnataka and Tamil Nadu?

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) The Central Government provides financial assistance to the States/ Union Territory Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of `Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats`, `Project Tiger` and `Project Elephant` for various activities including improvement of

the habitat of wild animals by augmenting the availability of food and water in forest areas to reduce the migration of animals from forests to habitations.

(b) Details of financial assistance provided to the State/Union Territory Governments including State Governments of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu under these Schemes during the last three years and the current year is given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1017 REGARDING ‘CHECK ON MAN-ANIMAL CONFLICTS’ BY SHRI DHRUVA NARAYANA, SHRI M. KRISHNASSWAMY AND SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN DUE FOR REPLY ON 12.08.2013.

Funds released under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats” during last three years and the current year

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/Uts	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
1.	A& N Islands	87.872	127.06	109.50	-
2.	Andhra Pradesh	64.341	71.50	180.335	-
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	213.197	168.11	162.3755	-
4.	Assam	186.63	234.17	146.00	-
5.	Bihar	19.889	00	64.685	-
7.	Chhattisgarh	281.966	241.783	449.5655	313.57
8.	Chandigarh	12.29	19.98	00	-
9.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	00	00	00	-
10.	Goa	32.879	21.458	148.12	-
11.	Gujarat	1106.749	1126.589	517.926	-
12.	Haryana	15.114	28.70	52.00	-
13.	Himachal Pradesh	253.80	242.1104	318.9668	345.903
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	537.336	445.085	515.957	-
15.	Jharkhand	63.64	64.2615	81.6195	-
16.	Karnataka	412.252	335.851	434.5018	
17.	Kerala	366.786	941.79	1210.08	
18.	Madhya Pradesh	635.366	506.164	467.707	39.676
19.	Maharashtra	343.32	322.391	425.883	400.143
20.	Manipur	88.316	86.65	73.925	-
21.	Meghalaya	58.03	43.80	22.08	-
22.	Mizoram	707.763	153.445	96.392	122.00
23.	Nagaland	33.595	30.333	25.855	-
24.	Odisha	315.331	331.2651	368.2084	-
25.	Punjab	25.12	00	00	-

26.	Rajasthan	348.068	291.387	478.249	41.28
27.	Sikkim	183.78	131.793	177.579	-
28.	Tamil Nadu	334.449	256.027	258.479	-
29.	Tripura	2.84	00	00	-
30.	Uttar Pradesh	296.179	204.371	319.09	260.875
31.	Uttarakhand	134.90	201.144	220.27	142.404
32.	West Bengal	276.385	246.425	164.135	--
33.	Delhi	00	00	00	-
34.	Daman & Diu	00	00	00	-
	TOTAL	7438.183	6873.643	7489.4845	2067.643

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Funds released under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Project Tiger" during last three years and the current year

(Rs. in lakhs)

		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Sl. No.	States	Released	Released	Released	Released
1	Andhra Pradesh	155.6450	154.406	404.8904	121.3504
2	Arunachal Pradesh	226.7020	236.7857	420.0872	736.8705
3	Assam	1509.4720	947.5088	373.894	0
4	Bihar	158.3550	172.193	311.064	226.86
5	Chhattisgarh	1813.7250	702.726	532.4632	464.088
6	Jharkhand	130.6160	156.3465	107.44023	251.168
7	Karnataka	1660.0500	1830.65	933.5311	1326.0015
8	Kerala	323.4600	429.77	514.835	475.672
9	Madhya Pradesh	3962.730	5352.71	5772.3638	991.03
10	Maharashtra	2789.0600	3622.342	848.4083	800.694
11	Mizoram	187.6900	225.288	468.31	0
12	Odisha	815.2900	555.0761	163.756	556.89
13	Rajasthan	2368.925	67.21	4090.567	478.688
14	Tamil Nadu	520.7860	605.964	445.983	0
15	Uttaranchal	339.9450	399.76	160.69	0
16	U.P	407.4600	446.1258	334.055	0
17	West Bengal	502.4800	157.66	404.916	347.81

	Total	17,872.391	16,062.522	16,287.25423	6,777.12243
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Funds released under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Project Elephant” during last three years and the current year

(Rs. in lakhs)

STATES	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Andhra Pradesh	15.00	00	11.28
Arunachal Pradesh	10.00	55.00	00
Assam	139.55	200.00	250.00
Chhatisgarh	75.00	150.00	60.29
Haryana	100.00	00	00
Jharkhand	80.00	105.87	59.512
Karnataka	300.76	261.83	240.296
Kerala	265.39	282.55	294.89
Maharashtra	29.00	20.29	20.47
Meghalaya	103.838	128.52	106.875
Nagaland	41.30	25.00	18.75
Orissa	113.50	214.60	210.00
Tamil Nadu	226.879	228.49	250.312
Tripura	0	6.00	5.77
Uttar Pradesh	80.15	49.30	14.76
Uttarakhand	206.82	141.99	161.46
West Bengal	410.406	224.50	91.865
Total	2197.593	2093.94	1796.53

No funds has been released during 2013-14.

CHECK ON HUMAN WILDLIFE CONFLICTS

18th March, 2013

LSQ 3225

Patle Kamla Devi

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the incidents of human-wildlife conflicts are rising in the country;

(b) if so, the number of human beings and wild animals killed in such incidents during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any provision for grant of compensation of kin of the persons killed by wild animals;

(d) if so, the State-wise number of affected persons who were paid compensation so far; and

(e) the amount of compensation paid in each case?

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a)&(b) Incidents of human-animal conflicts have been received in the Ministry from time to time. However, there are no reports indicating that such conflicts are on the rise in the country. Year-wise and State-wise and details of number of human and animal death due to such conflicts are not collated in the Ministry.

(c) In the Centrally sponsored Schemes 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant', a component of payment of ex-gratia amount to the kin of the persons killed by wild animals is available. Ministry of Environment and Forests has circulated a norm of payment of ex-gratia of Rs. 2.00 lakh in case of death of the victim.

(d)&(e) Payment of compensation to the kin of the person killed by wild animals in the States/Union Territories is the responsibility of the concerned State/Union Territory Government. The detail of such payments are not collated in the Ministry of Environment and Forests.