## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

# RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2617 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018

### Measures for improving welfare of wildlife

#### 2617. SHRI HARIVANSH

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

- (a) whether it is fact that the Ministry has decided to adopt a mechanism under which organizations and companies implementing projects in and around national parks and wildlife sanctuaries have to submit an annual compliance report for the welfare of wildlife;
- (b) if so, the details thereof with particular reference to the welfare of wildlife in those forests where road projects are being implemented or where roads are already exists; and
- (c) steps taken to ensure that wild animals are not killed due to rash and negligent driving on these roads?

## **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

#### (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a), (b) & (c) The Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife in its 47<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 decided that the user agencies should submit the annual report on compliance of the conditions stipulated in approvals granted under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to the States Chief Wildlife Warden for the protection of wildlife.

Wildlife Institute of India (WII) of the Ministry has written guidelines on the *Eco-friendly Measures to Mitigate Impacts of Linear Infrastructures on Wildlife*. These guidelines provide standard template on structural and non-structural measures for mitigating the impact of roads, railway lines and power lines on wildlife including birds.

The Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife considers and recommends the developmental activities / projects inside the Protected Areas along with the site specific conditions and mitigation measures imposed by the State Chief Wildlife Warden, State Board for Wildlife, National Tiger Conservation Authority and Wildlife Institute of India to safeguard the wildlife.

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