

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No.997
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2022

Pay structures and facilities for trackers

997. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

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

- (a) details of pay structures of trackers employed to track ferocious animals, lions, tigers, wild elephants etc;
- (b) details of other perquisites and facilities given to trackers, medical facilities, insurance cover, family welfare schemes etc.;
- (c) details of standard kits provided to trackers of wildlife, details of items included as kit; and
- (d) whether Government feels the need to ask respective State Governments to prescribe reasonable level of pay scales/ perks etc and other facilities for trackers keeping in view that they are frontline protectors of the wildlife and always carry the risk of their own life?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) to (d) The management of wildlife and its habitat, including engagement of trackers for tracking wild animals, etc. are undertaken by the respective States/Union Territories. The Ministry provides financial assistance to States/Union Territories under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of “Development of Wildlife Habitats”, “Project Tiger” and “Project Elephant” for protection and management of wildlife and their habitats. Information relating to pay structure, other perquisites and facilities, type of standard kits, etc. given to trackers in the country is not collated in the Ministry.

The pay structure, etc. of the trackers are prescribed by the respective States/Union Territories as per the rules and regulations of the State/Territories.
