

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1811
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023

Monkey menace in the country

1811. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that several cities of the country are facing acutemonkey menace, leading to accidents, deaths and losses;
- (b) if so, whether Government has made a national policy to meet this menace as day byday, such menace is increasing manifold; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of initiatives taken if any, by Government toad dress this menace?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There have been reports from some parts of the country regarding human-animal conflict involving monkeys in urban areas.
- (b) and (c) The Ministry has issued advisories to all States for better management of situations arising out of human-wildlife conflict. The advisories recommend various measures that may be adopted by States to prevent and manage such conflicts. These include coordinated interdepartmental action, identification of conflict hot spots, adherence to Standard Operating Procedures, establishment of rapid response teams, formation of State and District level committees to review the quantum of ex-gratia relief, issuing guidance/instructions for expedited payments, and provision of adequate funds for payment of ex-gratia relief to affected persons in case of human death and injury.

Financial assistance is provided by the Ministry to States/Union Territories under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of 'Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant' for management of human-wildlife conflict in and around protected areas and conducting awareness campaigns to sensitize and advise the general public.
