

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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Experiments and initiatives to address monkey menace

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that if the monkey menace in the country is not addressed in a time-bound manner and their numbers keep rapidly increasing, the problem would become uncontrollable;
- (b) the estimated population of monkeys in various States and the decadal increase in their numbers;
- (c) the reasons for monkey menace remaining unresolved in various parts of the country; and
- (d) the details of experiences of various experiments made and initiatives taken to address the monkey menace in the country?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (d) Management of human-animal conflict is primarily the responsibility of the States. Reports of human-animal conflict involving monkeys are received by the Ministry from time to time. Details relating to monkey population in the States are not compiled by the Ministry.

The Ministry has issued advisories to all States for better management of situations arising out of human-animal 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, and prompt payment of compensation to affected persons in case of human death and injury.

Financial assistance is provided by the Ministry to States under Centrally Sponsored Schemes for management of human-wildlife conflict in and around protected areas and conducting awareness campaigns to sensitize and advise the general public.
