

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1325**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023

**Relocation of people from National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Tiger Reserves**

1325. SHRI A. A. RAHIM:

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

- (a) the number of villages and people relocated from different National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Tiger Reserves across the country, till date, State-wise, separately for Core and Buffer Area in case of Tiger reserve;
- (b) the details on relocation for each village relocated from Protected Areas and Tiger Reserves till now;
- (c) whether Ministry has any plans to relocate more villages from Protected Areas and Tiger reserves;
- (d) the number of villages pending relocations or are proposed for relocation in each State; and
- (e) the quantum of funds allocated and spent for relocation of people from Protected Areas and Tiger Reserves?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) and (b) The details of voluntary relocation of people from National Parks and Sanctuaries is given in the **Annexure-I**.

The details of voluntary village relocation from the Tiger Reserves is given in the **Annexure-II**.

- (c), (d) and (e) Financial assistance is provided under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of 'Development of Wildlife Habitats' and 'Project Tiger and Elephant' for conservation and protection of wildlife and its habitat which *inter-alia* includes, habitat management, eco-development, voluntary village relocation etc. as per Annual Plan of Operation submitted by the State Governments. The funds released by the Ministry for voluntary relocation of people from the protected areas is Rs. 6375.30 lakhs from 2010-11 to 2023-24. The funds released by the Ministry for voluntary relocation of people from the tiger reserves from 2015-16 to 2019-20 is Rs. 52621.12 lakhs.

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**Annexure-I.**

**Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) and (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1325 regarding 'Relocation of people from National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Tiger Reserves' raised by Shri A. A. Rahim on 14.12.2023**

**Details of voluntary relocation of people from National Parks and Sanctuaries**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Families</b>
1	Kerala	2011-12	Gollour Amnavayal	55 families
		2012-13	Gollour Amnavayal	
		2013-14	Kottankara	63 families
		2014-15	Kurchiyat	105 families
		2015-16		
		2016-17	Chettiyalathur	231 families
		2023-24	Wayanad WLS	246 families
2	Mizoram	2010-11	Dumpui's village	61 families
		2013-14	Dumpui's	
		2016-17	Kawanpui West (45 families) Darangawn West (100 families) Thorangthlang Wildlife Sanctuary 145 families	145 families
		2017-18	145 families	
3	Madhya Pradesh	2017-18	156 families for Jaitpur village inside Ratapani WLS	156 families

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**Annexure-II.**

**Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) and (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1325 regarding 'Relocation of people from National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Tiger Reserves' raised by Shri A. A. Rahim on 14.12.2023**

**Details of voluntary relocation of people from the Tiger Reserves (as on 31.12.2021)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Name of Tiger Reserve</b>	<b>No. of Villages relocated from the notified Core (CTH) since the inception of the Project Tiger</b>	<b>No. of Families relocated from the notified Core (CTH) since the inception of the Project Tiger</b>
1	Chattisgarh	Achanakmar	6	249
2	Karnataka	Bandipur	1	100
3	Karnataka	Bhadra	10	431
4	Karnataka	Dandeli-Anshi	0	109
5	Karnataka	Nagarahole	22	635
6	Kerala	Parambikulam	1	92
7	Madhya Pradesh	Kanha	34	1874
8	Madhya Pradesh	Pench	8	281
9	Madhya Pradesh	Bandhavgarh	6	633
10	Madhya Pradesh	Panna	13	989
11	Madhya Pradesh	Satpura	36	3957
12	Madhya Pradesh	Sanjay-Dubri	12	448
13	Maharashtra	Melghat	23	4554
14	Maharashtra	Tadoba-Andhari	4	802
15	Maharashtra	Pench	1	61
16	Maharashtra	Sahyadri	9	351
17	Maharashtra	Nawegaon-Nagzira	5	375
18	Maharashtra	Bor	1	294
19	Mizoram	Dampa	1	227
20	Odisha	Similipal	4	247
21	Odisha	Satkosia	4	78
22	Rajasthan	Ranthambore	3	1238
23	Rajasthan	Sariska	3	671
24	Tamil Nadu	Mudumalai	6	564
25	Uttarakhand	Corbett	0	181
26	Uttarakhand	Rajaji	17	1379
27	West Bengal	Buxa	1	37

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