

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 539
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2025

Threat to human life and property by wild animals

539. SHRI HARIS BEERAN:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has taken any decision on the request made by the Kerala Government seeking permission to cull problematic wild animals that poses a threat to human life and property;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of actions taken by Union Government to address the increasing escalating human-wild conflict in the State of Kerala particularly in areas of boarder forests?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) to (c) Section 11 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 empowers the State Chief Wild Life Warden for management of human wildlife conflict situations. The Ministry has requested the Government of Kerala to consider utilizing the provisions contained in section 11 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The important steps taken by Government for protection of wildlife and to address human-animal conflicts include the following:

- i. A network of Protected Areas namely viz., National Park, Sanctuaries, Conservation Reserves and Community Reserves covering important wildlife habitat have been created all over the country under the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 to conserve wild animals and their habitats.
- ii. The Central Government provides financial assistance to State Governments and Union Territory Administrations under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes 'Development of Wildlife Habitats' and 'Project Tiger and Elephant' for management of wildlife and its habitat in the country. The activities supported under the schemes include construction/erection of physical barriers such as solar powered electric

fence, bio-fencing, boundary walls etc. to prevent the entry of wild animals into crop fields.

- iii. An advisory on dealing with human-wildlife conflict has been issued by the Ministry in February 2021. The Advisory recommends 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, and issuing guidance/instructions for expedited payments etc.
- iv. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has also issued Guidelines to State Governments and Union Territory Administrations on 3rd June, 2022 on managing Human Wildlife conflict including damage to crops.
- v. The Ministry has also issued species-specific guidelines to deal with human-wildlife conflict situations on 21.03.2023.
- vi. The Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 provides regulatory functions for dealing with human wildlife conflict situations.
