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Master's degree programmes in Wildlife Science

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed the shortage of specialized wildlife scientists and conservationists to manage Protected Areas and rising human-wildlife conflicts;
- (b) the details of existing central bodies like the Wildlife Institute of India offering dedicated Master's degrees in Wildlife Science;
- (c) whether Government proposes to expand Master's degree programmes on wildlife management across universities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and by when these programmes are proposed to be started?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE
CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (d): The protection, conservation and management of wildlife and its habitats is undertaken by the concerned States and Union Territories (UT) with Wildlife Institute of India (WII) providing all necessary specialized scientific and technical support as may be required by the respective State Governments/UT administration or in cases where the Central Government or other Institutions require its expert services. As far as WII is concerned, there are 33 Scientists working in various fields of wildlife scientific research and management. The engagement of manpower, as required, in accordance with the applicable rules, regulations and guidelines is done by the respective State Governments/UT administration as per their need.

The Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, an autonomous institute under this Ministry offers Master's degree programmes in Wildlife Science and Fresh Water Ecology and conservation, in its Dehradun campus, and Master's programme in Wildlife Science and Ornithology at its South Centre at Coimbatore. The Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun also conducts Post Graduate Diploma Course in Advance Wildlife Management and Certificate course in wildlife management.

The Ministry does not collate the details of the Master's degree courses in Wildlife Science offered by Universities in India.
