

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3256
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2016

Survey on Endangered Species

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey for identifying those animal species which are on the verge of extinction, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to launch any new projects for the protection of the endangered birds and animal species and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the budgetary allocation made for this purpose along with the funds provided and utilised in this regard during the last three year; and
- (d) the success achieved so far in the protection of these endangered species and in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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- (a), (b), (c) and (d) The Zoological Survey of India under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change conduct survey of threatened and important species in the country. The Ministry has identified 17 species for rehabilitation under 'Recovery programme of Critically Endangered Species, component under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat'. These species include, Asiatic Lion, Snow Leopard, Dugongs, Malabar Civet, Dolphins, Hangul, Manipur Brow Antlered Deer, Nilgiri Tahr, Swamp Deer, Edible Nest Swiftlets, Asian Wild Buffalo, Nicobar Megapode, Marine Turtles, Great Indian Bustards, Vultures, Indian Rhinoceros, and Jerdon's Courser. The financial assistance provided to the State/UT Governments and utilized for recovery programme is at **Annexure.**

The following are the important success achieved in protection of endangered species in the country:

- (i) The number of National Parks and Sanctuaries in the country has increased to 103 National Parks and 537 Wildlife Sanctuaries, thereby according legal protection to, large area of wildlife habitats.
- (ii) Due to concerted efforts under 'Project Tiger', India has achieved the distinction of having the maximum number of tigers in the world (2226) as per 2014 assessment.
- (iii) The population of One Horned Rhinos has increased and as per latest census, there are 2624 Rhinos in Assam, 255 in West Bengal and 34 in Uttar Pradesh.
- (iv) Two captive bred Himalayan Griffon Vultures, under the Vulture Recovery Programme, were successfully soft released into the wild from the Pinjore Vulture Conservation and Breeding Centre on the 3rd June 2016.
- (v) Through concerted people's participation approach, villagers in Nagaland have banned hunting of Amur Falcons.

ANNEXURE

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) (c) & (d) OF THE LOK
SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3256 REGARDING 'SURVEY ON
ENDANGERED SPECIES' BY SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA DUE FOR REPLY ON
06.12.2016**

Financial assistance released and utilized under Recovery Programmes.

| Name of Species | Name of State | Year | Amount Released (Rs. in lakh) | Amount Utilized/UC Received |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hangul | Jammu & Kashmir | 2008-09 | 99.00 | UC Received Rs.99.00 lakh Utilized |
| | Jammu & Kashmir | 2010-11 | 89.62 | UC Received Rs.59.79 lakh Utilized (Revalidation of Rs. 29.83 lakh was released on 22.1.2013) |
| | Jammu & Kashmir | 2012-13 | 79.94 | UC not received |
| Total | | | 268.56 | |
| Asiatic Lion | Gujarat | 2010-11 | 674.541 | UC Received Rs.674.541 lakh Utilized |
| | Gujarat | 2011-12 | 675.859 | UC Received Rs.311.20 lakh Utilized |
| Total | | | 1350.40 | |
| Snow Leopard | Jammu & Kashmir | 2008-09 | 126.00 | UC not received |
| | Uttarakhand | 2008-09 | 86.40 | UC not received |
| | Arunachal Pradesh (Funds released for preparation of Recovery Plan | 2009-10 | 3.20 | UC not received |
| | Jammu & Kashmir | 2010-11 | 43.20 | UC not received |
| | Himachal Pradesh | 2010-11 | 24.16 | UC Received Rs.8.50 lakh Utilized |
| | Himachal Pradesh | 2011-12 | 84.708 | UC Received Rs.82.708 lakh Utilized |
| | Himachal Pradesh | 2012-13 | 71.488 | UC Received Rs.71.488 lakh Utilized |
| | Himachal Pradesh | 2013-14 | 10.15 | UC Received Rs.10.15 lakh Utilized |
| | Himachal Pradesh | 2014-15 | 53.555 | Utilized of Rs. 48.00 lakh |

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| | <i>Himachal Pradesh</i> | <i>2015-16</i> | <i>16.404</i> | <i>UC not received</i> |
| | Total | | 519.265 | |
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| Edible Nest swiftlets | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 2009-10 | 30.99 | UC Received Rs.27.761 lakh Utilized |
| | Andaman & Nicobar Island | 2010-11 | 24.672 | UC Received Rs.19.29 lakh Utilized |
| | Andaman & Nicobar Island | 2011-12 | 19.20 | UC Received Rs.19.21 lakh Utilized Excess amount |
| | Andaman & Nicobar Island | 2012-13 | 17.54 | UC Received Rs.17.54 lakh Utilized |
| | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 2013-14 | 13.79 | UC Received Rs.13.71 lakh Utilized |
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| | Total | | 106.192 | 97.511 |
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| Vulture | Punjab | 2008-09 | 16.00 | |
| | Haryana | 2008-09 | 38.00 | UC Received Rs.33.205 lakh utilized |
| | Gujarat | 2008-09 | 12.30 | UC Received Rs.2.28 lakh Utilized |
| | Punjab | 2010-11 | 2.40 | |
| | Haryana | 2011-12 | 5.60+3.995 =9.595 | UC received Rs. 6.53 lakh utilised |
| | Haryana | 2015-16 | 99.33 | UC Received Rs. 90.27 lakh utilized |
| | Haryana | 2016-17 | 116.0472 | UC not received |
| | Kerala | 2015-16 | 24.00 | UC received Rs.24.00 lakh utilized |
| | Kerala | 2016-17 | 16.58 | |
| | Total | | 334.2522 | |
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| Dugong | Andaman & Nicobar Island | 2011-12 | 18.61 | UC Received Rs.18.14598 lakh Utilized |
| | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 2013-14 | 36.93 | UC Received Rs.26.06 lakh Utilized |
| | Total | | 55.54 | 44.20598 |
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| Wild buffalo | Chhattisgarh | 2012-13 | 13.75 | UC Received Rs.13.73 lakh Utilized |
| | Chhattisgarh | 2013-14 | 95.17 | UC Received Rs.84.94 lakh Utilized |
| | Chhattisgarh | 2014-15 | 101.12 | UC not received |
| | Total | | 210.04 | 98.67 |
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| Manipur- Brow- antlered deer (Sanghai) | Manipur | 2009-10 | 33.96 | UC Received Rs.33.96 lakh Utilized |
| | Manipur | 2013-14 | 27.82 | UC Received Rs.27.82 lakh Utilized |
| | Manipur | 2014-15 | 79.152 | UC not received |
| | Manipur | 2015-16 | 113.38 | UC received Rs. 102.43 lakh utilized |
| | Manipur | 2016-17 | 128.48 | |
| | Total | | 382.792 | 61.78 |
| Nilgiri Tahr | Tamil Nadu (Funds released for preparation of Recovery Plan) | 2009-10 | 4.80 | UC not received |
| | Kerala | 2015-16 | 68.00 | UC Received. Unspent balance Rs. 0.35 lakhs |
| | Kerala | 2016-17 | 82.04 | UC not received |
| | Total | | 154.84 | |
| Jerdon's Courser | Andhra Pradesh | 2014-15 | 63.31 | UC not received |
| | Total | | 63.31 | |
| Amur Falcon | Nagaland | 2015-16 | 49.18 | UC received Rs. 49.18 lakh utilized |
| | Nagaland | 2016-17 | 100.90 | UC not received |
| | Manipur | 2016-17 | 98.72 | UC not received |
| | | | 248.8 | |
| Great Indian Bustard | Maharashtra | 2015-16 | 110.63 | Rs. 110.63 utilized |
| | Maharashtra | 2016-17 | 135.85 | UC not received |
| | Rajasthan | 2015-16 | 65.36 | Rs. 65.35 lakh utilized |
| | Rajasthan | 2016-17 | 97.76 | UC not received |
| | Total | | 409.60 | |
