GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3448 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2016

National Wildlife Action Plan

3448. SHRI P.K. BIJU: DR. K. GOPAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a National Wildlife action plan 2017-31 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the National Wildlife Action Plan 2017-31 has incorporated best practices from around the world and fixed timelines for not only increasing the number of protected areas, but also for initiating a number of additional measures to strengthen surveillance and creating a fresh data base of endangered species;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the previous plan has also been incorporated in the new action plan and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which elephant would be protected in the elephant corridors?

<u>ANSWER</u>

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

- (a), (b) (c) and (d) The Group constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for formulation of the National Wildlife Action Plan (2017-2031) has submitted its report. The Group members included experts of wildlife science who are well conversant with global best practices and scientific studies on wildlife management. The Group has indicated actions required and priority project with responsibility and time frame in the chapters. The Action Plan also indicates elements of previous Action Plan (2002-2016) and retains ten chapters from it.
 - (e) An entire chapter on "Landscape level approach for wildlife conservation" covers strategies and priority projects for identification of priority landscapes for wildlife including Elephants and initiate concerted management interventions.