

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*270
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2017

Wildlife Preservation

*270. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

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

- (a) whether the Government recognises the important role played by local community in the preservation of wildlife in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken to involve local community more rigorously; and
- (c) the details of the activities undertaken in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a), (b) and (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) AND (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *270 REGARDING “WILDLIFE PRESERVATION” RAISED BY SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER DUE FOR REPLY ON 21.03.2017.

- (a) The Government recognises the important role played by local community in the preservation of wildlife in the country. Peoples’ participation has been given importance through various provisions under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 as well as National Wildlife Action Plan, 2002-2016. Important provisions under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 which recognise peoples’ participation for wildlife conservation include, inter alia, designation of Honorary Wildlife Warden, nomination of people representatives as member of National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) and Standing Committee of NBWL, notification of Conservation Reserves and Community Reserves and constitution of Management Committee with members from local community for the Conservation Reserve and Community Reserve.
- (b) & (c) Local communities are involved in the conservation of wildlife and its habitats by the concerned state and UT Governments as the protection and conservation of wildlife is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State/UT Governments. The State Governments have declared 67 Conservation Reserves and 26 Community Reserves in the country. The list is at **Annexure**. Eco-development activity is an intrinsic component of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz. ‘Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats’, ‘Project Tiger’ and ‘Project Elephant’ through which the local communities are involved in preservation of the wildlife and its habitats in the country. Under this component, the village Eco-Development Committees and Joint Forest Management Committees are constituted to promote participatory management embodying the agenda of co-existence in Protected Areas, buffer/ fringe areas. By supporting various micro-plan activities under these Centrally Sponsored Schemes, dependency of local people on forest resources has been reduced and livelihood of the local people has been improved. The activities taken up under this include provision of safe drinking water, solar light, solar cookers, supporting alternate livelihood practices, apiculture, sericulture and pisciculture, piggery, poultry, setting up of Self Help Group, promoting community based eco tourism programmes, interactive field visits, study tours for villages and staff involved in eco development programmes, seminars, workshop etc.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) AND (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *270 REGARDING “WILDLIFE PRESERVATION” RAISED BY SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER DUE FOR REPLY ON 21.03.2017.

List of Conservation Reserves and Community Reserves in the country :

Conservation Reserves:

Name of State	No. of Conservation Reserves	Name of Conservation Reserves
Gujarat	1	Chharidhandh Wetland
Haryana	2	Bir Bara Ban Saraswati
Himachal Pradesh	3	Darlaghat Shilli Shri Naina Devi
Jammu & Kashmir	34	Ajas (WL) Ajas Bahu Boodh Karbu Brain-Nishat Chatlam, Pampore (WL) Gharana (WL) Hokera (Ramsar Site) (WL) Hygam (WL) Jawahar Tunnel Khanagund Khimber/Dara/Sharazbal Khiram Khonmoh Khrew Kukarian (WL) Malgam (WL) Manibugh (WL) Mirgund (WL) Naganari Nanga (WL) Narkara (WL) Norrichain (WL)

		Panyar
		Pargwal (WL)
		Sabu
		Sangral-Asa Chak (WL)
		Shallabugh (WL)
		Shikargah
		Sudhmahadev
		Thein
		Tsomoiri (Ramsar Site) (WL)
		Wangat/Chatergul
		Zaloor, Harwan
Karnataka	8	Afghanashini
		Bedthi
		Bankapur Peacock
		Basur Amruth Mahal Kaval
		Hornbill Con Res
		Jayamangali Blackbuck
		Shalmale Riparian Bio-System
		Thungabhadra Otter
Maharashtra	2	Bhorkada (Bhorgad)
		Kolamarka
Punjab	1	Rakh Sarai Amanat Khan
Rajasthan	10	Bisalpur
		Jor Beed Gadwala Bikaner
		Sundha Mata
		Gudha Vishnoi
		Shakambhari
		Umedganj Bird
		Jawai Band Leopard
		Gogelao
		Rotu
		Bir Jhunjhunu
Tamil Nadu	2	Tiruppadaimarathur
		Suchindrum-Theroor-Managudi
Uttarakhand	4	Asan Wetland
		Jhilmi Jheel
		Pawalgarh
		Naina Devi Himalayan Bird
	67	

COMMUNITY RESERVES

Name of State	No. of Community Reserve	Name of Community Reserves
Punjab	2	Keshopur Chhamb
		Lalwan
Kerala	1	Kadalundi
Karnataka	1	Kokkare Bellur
Meghalaya	22	Ka Khloo Thangbru Umsymphu
		Ka Khloo Pohblai Mooshutia
		Ka Khloo Langdoh Kur Pyrtuh
		Nongsangu
		Raid Nongbri
		Lum Jusong
		Jirang
		Raid Nonglyngdoh/ Pdah Kyndeng
		Phudja-ud
		Lawbah
		Ryngibah
		Mongalgre
		Dangkipara
		Aruakgre
		Resu Haluapra
		Kitmadamgre
		Kpoh Eijah
Miewsyiar		
Umsum Pitcher Plant		
Lumkohkriah		
Ryngud		
Thangkharang		
TOTAL	26	
