## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 909 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2017

## Sanjay Gandhi National Park

909. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has notified the area around Sanjay Gandhi National Park in Mumbai as Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ);
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the area notified by the Government as ESZ;
- (c) whether the Government has received a large number of representations from elected representatives, various organizations and agencies such as the Bombay Municipal Corporation and the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation on the draft notification; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

## **ANSWER**

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

- (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has notified on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 an eco-sensitive zone of 59.46 sq.kms area around Sanjay Gandhi National Park under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The eco-sensitive zone has a minimum extent of 100 meters and maximum extent of up to 4 kms from the Park boundary.
- (c) and (d) The Government had received a large number of response from elected representatives, various organizations and agencies such as the Bombay Municipal Corporation, the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation and others on the draft notification. Taking these into consideration, an area of 1.65 sq.km land for the Mumbai Metro rail Shed of Mumbai Metro rail Corporation, temple, etc. has been excluded in the final notification.

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