GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1500 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2017

Wild Animal Encroachment

1500. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that wild animals are encroaching on human habitats in different places of the country;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to provide latest equipment like tranquilizer guns to capture the wild animals for rehabilitation;
- (c) whether there is any plan to fence the national parks, sanctuaries and reserve forests to keep both human beings and wild animals safe;
- (d) whether the Government has any plans to modernise the conservation of endangered wild animals under PPP mode; and
- (e) if so the details thereof, State/UT wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of the fact that wild animals are encroaching on human habitats in different places of the country.
- (b) There is no proposal under the consideration in the Ministry to provide latest equipment like tranquilizer guns to capture the wild animals for rehabilitation. Tranquilizer guns are provided by the state governments for use in capture of problem animals. The Ministry under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes provides financial assistance to states for capturing the problematic wild animals and rehabilitation.
- (c) There is no proposal under the consideration in the Ministry to fence the national parks, sanctuaries and reserve forests. However, the Ministry provide the financial assistance to state governments for fencing the national parks and sanctuaries as and when proposals for assistance for such activities is received from them under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (IDWH) and Project Tiger and Project Elephant.
- (d) Presently, there is no specific proposal for wildlife conservation in PPP mode.
- (e) Does not arise.