GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *17 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2017

National Wildlife Action Plan

*17. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

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

- (a) whether the National Wildlife Action Plan for 2017-31 was unveiled by the Government with the objective of developing wildlife conservation and if, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the major objective under this plan is to combat climate change and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to increase the role of private sector in wildlife conservation during the said period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the budgetary allocation estimated to implement the said action plan?

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO *17 REGARDING 'NATIONAL WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN' BY SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA DUE FOR REPLY ON 15.12.2017.

- (a) The third National Wildlife Action Plan (2017-2031) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, has been made with a view to have concerted approach for protection, conservation and management of wildlife through out the country. It is divided into 17 chapters that also includes new action themes, such as: Climate Change and wildlife; Wildlife Health; Inland aquatic & Coastal and Marine conservation; Human Wildlife Conflict mitigation. The Plan also considers landscape based approach of management.
- (b) The National Wildlife Action Plan (2017-31) has, out of 17 chapters, a chapter titled "Integrating Climate Change in Wildlife Planning" with important priority action points incorporated in the Plan. The chapter takes note of concerns relating to climate change on wildlife, by integrating actions to be taken for their mitigation and adaption into wildlife management planning.
- (c) and (d) The Plan underscores the increasing need for peoples' support for conservation of wildlife. It also emphasize the need for integrating conservation-oriented practices in the corporate projects based on natural resources, including 'Corporate Environmental Responsibility' (CER) programme on the lines of the 'Corporate Social Responsibility' (CSR) programmes. The Action Plan also provides scope of investment from extra budgetary sources like CAMPA fund, MNREGS, community development programmes, etc. for wildlife conservation.
