

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1371**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2017

**Third Wild Life Action Plan**

1371. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:  
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched its third wildlife action plan recently 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 fresh data base of endangered species and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the previous plan has also been incorporated in the new action plan and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there has been confusion over implementation of laws that come into play in the protection of wildlife in the absence of an updated forest policy and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) and (b) The National Wildlife Action Plan (2017-31) was launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. The third National Wildlife Action Plan (2017-2031) has been prepared by a Committee comprising of eminent scientists, ecologist and conservationists, who have provided valuable inputs from their global experiences on wildlife conservation. It is divided into 17 chapters that also includes a Chapter on 'Conservation of

Threatened Species' and has priority projects under each Chapter with time lines.

- (c) The National Wildlife Action Plan (2017-31) has been prepared on similar lines as the Action Plan (2002-2016). Several chapters headings of the Action Plan (2002-2016) have been retained in the new Plan. However, in view of the changed circumstances, new Chapters have also been added.
- (d) No Sir.

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