

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.179
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2017

Broader National Wildlife Conservation Authority

179. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering winding up the National Tiger Conservation Authority and replacing it with Broader National Wildlife Conservation Authority by 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received a proposal in this regard from an Evaluation Committee; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c)&(d) The Evaluation Committee constituted for review of the XII Plan Schemes of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, *inter alia*, recommended that conservation of entire habitat needs to come under the ambit of an overarching Wildlife Authority and the regulatory scope of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) be widened to include all wildlife, and be renamed as the National Wildlife Conservation Authority (NWCA). Keeping in view strides made by the country in tiger conservation, which are globally acclaimed, the recommendation of replacing the NTCA with a broader NWCA has not found favour as the desired focus which currently exists on conservation of an umbrella species shall be lost.
