

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1962
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.12.2017

Kaziranga National Park

1962. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):

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

- whether the Kaziranga National Park suffered massive destruction during the recent devastating floods deluge that claimed the lives of several rhinos and other animals there;
- if so, the details thereof along with the losses suffered both in terms of physical and fiscal; and
- the steps taken by the Government to replenish the National Park and bring it back to its earlier glory?

ANSWER

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

- Yes, Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, Assam has lost a number of animals during the two incidences of recent flood.
- Details of animal mortality during the two incidences of recent flood as reported by the State, is as follows:

Species	Death due to drowning	Road accident	No. of animals died in CWRC while on treatment	Total
Tiger	1	-	-	1
Rhino	31	-	-	31
Elephant	9	1	-	10
Swamp deer	3	-	1	4
Buffalo	8	-	-	8
Hog deer	282	14	22	318
Sambar	16	-	-	16
Wild Boar	8	-	-	8
Porcupine	3	-	-	3
Leopard Cat	-	1	-	1
Black necked stork (bird)	-	-	1	1
Total	361	16	24	401

- Steps taken by the Government of Assam to replenish the National Park and bring it back to its earlier glory, *inter alia*, include construction of 33 new highlands along the southern boundary of tiger reserve for wild animals to take refuge during flood, raising the height of existing highlands, minimizing speed limit of vehicles on National Highway 37 to avoid mortality due to accident, ensuring coordination among different department and public besides 24X7 patrolling. Government of India has released Rs. 1126.27 Lakhs as first installment to Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger during 2017-18 for various activities which *inter alia* include activities required to address loss due to flood.
