

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3071**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.01.2018

**Development of Buffer Zones**

3071. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has developed buffer zones for conservation of environment in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under subsection (1) read with clause (v) and clause (xiv) of subsection (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) read with sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, notifies Eco-Sensitive Zones around National Parks and Sanctuaries for protection of environment and biodiversity. The Eco-Sensitive Zones also act as buffer in protection to the rich biodiversity inside the National Parks and Sanctuaries. As on date, the State-wise details of Eco-Sensitive Zones notifications issued are at **Annexure**.

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## ANNEXURE

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF THE LOK  
SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3071 REGARDING 'DEVELOPMENT  
OF BUFFER ZONES' RAISED BY SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL, DUE FOR  
REPLY OF 05.01.2018**

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**Details of Eco-Sensitive Zones notifications State/UT wise**

S.No	Name of State	Total number of PAs covered in ESZ notified
1	Andhra Pradesh/Telangana	15
2	Andaman & Nicobar Island	99
3	Arunachal Pradesh	9
4	Assam	10
5	Bihar	13
6	Chhattisgarh	8
7	Chandigarh	2
8	Dadra Nagar Haveli	1
9	Daman & Diu	0
10	Delhi	1
11	Goa	7
12	Gujarat	22
13	Haryana	9
14	Himachal Pradesh	33
15	Jammu and Kashmir	4
16	Jharkhand	5
17	Karnataka	31
18	Kerala	22
19	Lakshadweep	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	26
21	Maharashtra	34
22	Manipur	6
23	Meghalaya	3
24	Mizoram	1
25	Nagaland	0
26	Orissa	11
27	Punjab	13
28	Pondicherry	0
29	Rajasthan	15
30	Sikkim	8
31	Tamil Nadu	0
32	Tripura	2
33	Uttar Pradesh	12
34	Uttarakhand	4
35	West Bengal	6
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>432</b>

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