GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4706
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2018

Buffer Zone around Wildlife Sanctuaries

4706.   SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE:

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

(a) whether boundary of buffer zone has been fixed in areas, inhabited by the citizens adjacent to the core zone of Wildlife Sanctuaries/National Parks in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of any policy formulated by the Government to rehabilitate the citizens residing in the said buffer zones at some other place and to pay compensation to the affected citizens, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether any time limit has been fixed by the Government for providing the funds in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any provision has been made to allot land in lieu of land to all the persons residing in the said parks 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)   In pursuance of the decision of the National Board for Wildlife in its third meeting held on 17th March 2005, the State/UT Governments have submitted proposals for declaration of Eco-sensitive zones around National Parks and Sanctuaries. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under sub-section (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, has been notifying Eco-Sensitive Zones around National Parks and Sanctuaries. The Eco-Sensitive Zones includes forest areas and revenue land which act as buffer in protection of the rich biodiversity inside the National Parks and Sanctuaries.

(c)   There is no policy for rehabilitation of people in Eco-sensitive zones around National Parks and Sanctuaries.

(d) and (e)   Does not arise in view of (c) above.

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