

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1690
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2018

Invasion of Alien Species

1690. SHRI R PARTHIPAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that several parts of the country are affected badly by invasive alien species;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any concrete action plan/scheme to control these species and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any centralized mechanism to document and report invasive alien species across States; and
- (e) 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 is aware about the invasive alien species affecting various parts of the country. The important invasive alien species found in the country include, Giant African Snail, Common Carp, African Catfish, *Prosopis juliflora*, *Eichhornia crassipes*, *Lantana camara*, *Parthenium hysterophorus* etc.
- (c) The National Wildlife Action Plan (2017-2031) provides for priority actions for management of Invasive Alien Species. Further, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change provides financial assistance under its Centrally Sponsored Schemes, for conservation and management of wildlife and its habitat, including management of invasive alien species.
- (d) and (e) The conservation and management of wildlife and biodiversity, including management of invasive alien species is the responsibility of the concerned State/Union Territory Governments. The details of invasive alien species in different states are not collated at the level of the Ministry.
