GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1984 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2018

Wild Animals

1984. PROF. RAVINDRA VISHWANATH GAIKWAD:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to save wild animals in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated by the Government during the last three years for the same?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) and (b) The Ministry has formulated the 3rd 'National Wildlife Action Plan' for a period of 2017 to 2031 to save wild animals in the country. The Plan focuses landscape approach in conservation of all wildlife irrespective of where they occur. It also gives special emphasis to recovery of threatened species of wildlife while conserving their habitats which includes terrestrial, inland aquatic, coastal and marine ecosystems.
- (c) Funds are allocated under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', which *inter-alia*, includes Development of Wildlife Habitats, Project Tiger and Project Elephant for protection and conservation of wildlife and their habitats. Details of funds allocated under the schemes during the last three years are as below:

(Rs. in crores)

Scheme	Details of funds allocated				
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18		
Development of	61.21	90.00	150.00		
Wildlife Habitats					
Project Tiger	168.21	365.00	345.00		
Project Elephant	16.96	20.00	27.50		
Total	246.38	475.00	522.50		