

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2039**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2018

**Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats**

2039. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:  
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved extension of scheme of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the total fund allocated for the same;
- (c) whether the scheme consists of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, Development of Wildlife Habitats and Project Elephant;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the objectives and achievements/performance of the scheme so far;
- (e) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of the scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the scheme would address the human wildlife conflict effectively 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) Yes, Madam. The Government has approved the Centrally Sponsored Umbrella Scheme of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (CSS-IDWH) beyond the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan period from 2017-18 to 2019-20. Details of the scheme and funds allocated is as below:

**(Rs. in Crores)**

S.No	Name of Scheme	Fund allocated (Central share)
1.	Project Tiger	1143.00
2.	Development of Wildlife Habitats	496.50
3.	Project Elephant	92.22

- (c) and (d) Yes, Madam. The scheme consists of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, Development of Wildlife Habitats and Project Elephant. The

objectives of the schemes are conservation and protection of wildlife and their habitats and ensuring maintenance of a viable population of Tigers and elephants in the country.

The major achievement of the scheme includes:

- i. Protected Areas has been increased from 574 in 2000 to 828 in 2018.
- ii. Tiger Reserve has been increased from 9 reserves in 9 States to 50 reserves in 18 States. Similarly Elephant reserve has also increased from 27 in 2010 to 30 in 2018.
- iii. Population of major species like tiger, lion, elephant and rhino has also increased significantly.

(e) Based on review of the implementation of the Scheme, the Government has accorded further extension. The process involved inter-ministerial consultation with the followings:

- (i) Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance
- (ii) NITI Aayog
- (iii) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- (iv) Ministry of Rural Development
- (v) Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance
- (vi) Wildlife Crime Control Bureau
- (vii) Forest Survey of India
- (viii) Wildlife Institute of India
- (ix) Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education

(f) Yes, Madam. Funding support through the on-going Centrally Sponsored schemes is provided to states as per the Annual Plan Operation annually. The activities includes installation of various animal barriers; capturing and relocation of problematic animals; compensation for depredation by wild animals; periodic awareness campaigns to sensitise, guide and advise the general populace on man-animal conflict; procurement of immobilisation equipment, drugs; training and capacity building of forest staff and veterinary doctors to deal with conflict event; scientific population management of problem animals.

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