

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3393
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.07.2019

Protection of Great Indian Bustard

3393. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government under the Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat Scheme aim to protect the Great Indian Bustard (GIB), a species of which only 200 birds are left;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government recognizes noise pollution as a cause for endangering GIB species; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a) and (b) Ministry through its Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)- Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (IDWH) provides funds to the States/ UTs under the component 'Species Recovery Programme' for conservation and protection of 21 critically endangered species including the Great Indian Bustard.

The details of funds released from the CSS-IDWH for the conservation of Great Indian Bustard to the States during the last four years are as follows:

(amount in Rs. Lakh)

States	Year			
	FY: 2015-16	FY: 2016-17	FY: 2017-18	FY: 2018-19
Maharashtra	110.63	135.85	97.81	135.16
Rajasthan	65.36	121.65	125.80	-

The Ministry has also initiated a project titled 'Habitat Improvement and Conservation Breeding of Great Indian Bustard (GIB)-An Integrated Approach' with financial support of Rs. 33.85 crores for a five years period from Adhoc

CAMPA for conservation breeding of Great Indian Bustard and with technical support from Wildlife Institute of India (WII). The important objective of this programme is to build up captive population of GIB and to release the chicks in the wild for increasing the population. The States of Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra are the important range States involved in this programme.

- (c) and (d) The Governments does not recognizes noise pollution as a cause for endangering GIB species.
