

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5589
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2019

Wildlife Corridor

5589. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any action plan to build a corridor from Sohagi Barwa wildlife sanctuary of Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh to the national park of Bihar for free movement of wild animals and to avoid man-animal conflict;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which progress has been made in this regard till date; and
- (c) if not, the efforts proposed/undertaken by the Government to check man-animal conflict in the said sanctuary?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As informed by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, there is no action plan to build a corridor from Sohagi Barwa wildlife sanctuary of Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh to the national park of Bihar for free movement of wild animals and to avoid man-animal conflict.
- (b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.
- (c) The efforts taken by the State Government to check the man-animal conflict in the said sanctuary includes:
 - i. Regular patrolling being undertaken to check poaching and protecting illegal felling of trees in the habitat of wildlife.
 - ii. Modern technological intervention is being used to alert local people residing nearby villages of the sanctuary.
 - iii. Existing waterholes are being maintained and artificial waterholes are being developed to ensure adequacy of water for the wildlife so that they do not stray outside the forests in search of water.
 - iv. Pasture development activities and grassland management is being undertaken to ensure availability of fodder even in the lean periods for herbivores species for prey base management of carnivores.
 - v. Salt licks are being created for wildlife at specific places inside the sanctuary.
 - vi. In the event of wildlife, especially carnivores, staying out of the forests, they are captured and released back into the wild.
