

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 896
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2022

Amendments in EPA, 1986

896. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any efforts to amend Environment Protection Act (EPA), 1986 to make it human centric considering large number of human animal conflicts taking place recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to take any action on T.S.R. Subramanian Committee Report to amend redundant environmental Acts; and
- (d) if so, the details of the steps taken by the Government in this direction?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (d) The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 was enacted to provide for the protection and improvement of the environment and for matters connected therewith. As per the said Act, the “environment” includes water, air and land and the inter- relationship which exists among and between water, air and land, and human beings, other living creatures, plants, micro-organism and property.

A Committee had been constituted under Shri T.S.R. Subramanian to review the Acts administered by the Ministry and to suggest appropriate amendments to bring them in line with their objectives and current requirements. The T.S.R. Subramanian Committee Report was reviewed by the Parliament Standing Committee on Science & Technology, chaired by the then Hon’ble M.P., Rajya Sabha, Shri Ashwani Kumar, in the year 2015. The Committee was of the view that the period of three months allotted to the High Level Committee for reviewing the six environmental Acts was too short and therefore inter-alia recommended that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, instead of proceeding with the implementation of the recommendations contained in HLC should give due consideration to the views/opinion and objections raised.
