

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3122
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2019

Kaziranga National Park

3122. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

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

- (a) the details of steps taken by the Government to conserve the wildlife of Kaziranga National Park;
- (b) the further steps undertaken to ensure Kaziranga is free from poachers;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make Kaziranga an eco-tourism hub; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) The Government of India through the National Tiger Conservation Authority has brought the Kaziranga National Park under the ambit of ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger in 2008 which enabled enhanced funding support in addition to technical guidance/support, wherein assistance is provided for the following activities:
- (i) creation of antipoaching/patrolling camps
 - (ii) reinforcing the wireless network
 - (iii) providing motor boats / country boats, besides vehicles support
 - (iv) support the field gear to frontline staff, alongwith arms / ammunition
 - (v) building up capacity of field personnel towards technical wildlife monitoring using camera traps / transects
 - (vi) capacity building of field staff for surveillance / intelligence gathering / investigation
 - (vii) 24X7 electronic surveillance deployment in sensitive areas
 - (viii) providing funding support for deploying local people in day to day field protection
 - (ix) providing funding support for ecodevelopment in the peripheral buffer areas of the tiger reserve to elicit local support for Rhino / wildlife conservation
 - (x) providing support for special protection measures during flood season which *inter alia* include Highlands construction and maintenance
 - (xi) raising, arming and deploying of Special Rhino Protection Force (SRPF) on lines of the Special Tiger Protection Force

Further, a Rhino Task Force was constituted in the year 2015 to suggest measures to strengthen conservation efforts at the Kaziranga Tiger Reserve which has since, submitted its recommendations.

Financial assistance (Central Government's Share) provided under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger to the Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, Assam during last three years and the current year are as under:-

2016-17	Rs. 622.94 lakhs
2017-18	Rs. 1462.25 lakhs
2018-19	Rs. 1030.25 lakhs
2019-20 (as on 2.12.2019)	Rs. 1290.03 lakhs

- (c) & (d) There is no such proposal. However, tourism is being undertaken in the areas of the Kaziranga Tiger Reserve in accordance with the National Tiger Conservation Authority (Normative Standards for Tourism activities and Project Tiger) Guidelines, 2012.
