

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3209**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2019

**Eco-Sensitive Zone**

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

- (a) the parameters considered by the Government to declare an area around a forest/sanctuary as Eco-Sensitive Zones;
- (b) whether the Government has received any recommendations from the State Governments to alter the said criteria, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of such ESZ declared by the Government as on date, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) and (b)** The Wildlife Division of this Ministry has issued “Guidelines for Declaration of ESZ around National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries” in 2011 with consultations among the states/UTs. In general, the following parameters are considered for declaring Eco-sensitive Zones:

- I. Details of the Protected Area (PA);
- II. Proposed ESZ Area and Extent;
- III. Available Biodiversity, Flora, Fauna in the Area;
- IV. List of villages in ESZ;
- V. Prohibited and Regulated Activities along with Promoted Activities; and
- VI. Maps of the ESZ delineating the ESZ boundary

(C) The Government as on 02.12.2019 has issued Final ESZ Notifications for 366 Protected Areas. The State/UT-wise list is annexed.

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**State/UT wise status of Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZs) as on 02.12.2019**

	<b>States/UTs</b>	<b>Total Protected Areas (PAs)</b>	<b>Draft Notifications issued for PAs</b>	<b>Final ESZ Notifications issued for Pas</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	16	3	6
2	Andaman & Nicobar	105	0	100
3	Arunachal Pradesh	13	8	1
4	Assam	24	10	2
5	Bihar	13	3	10
6	Chhattisgarh	14	6	4
7	Chandigarh	2	0	2
8	Dadra Nagar Haveli	1	0	1
9	Daman & Diu	1	0	0
10	Delhi	1	0	1
11	Goa	7	0	7
12	Gujarat	27	4	22
13	Haryana	11	1	9
14	Himachal Pradesh	34	26	7
15	Jammu & Kashmir	19	4	1
16	Jharkhand	12	0	12
17	Karnataka	34	9	22
18	Kerala	23	22	0
19	Lakshadweep	1	0	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	35	7	25
21	Maharashtra	54	8	32
22	Manipur	8	0	6
23	Meghalaya	6	1	2
24	Mizoram	10	1	6
25	Nagaland	4	0	0
26	Odisha	21	8	10
27	Punjab	14	0	13
28	Pondicherry	1	0	0
29	Rajasthan	30	8	8
30	Sikkim	8	0	8
31	Tamil Nadu	35	13	12
32	Telangana	12	7	5

	<b>States/UTs</b>	<b>Total Protected Areas (PAs)</b>	<b>Draft Notifications issued for PAs</b>	<b>Final ESZ Notifications issued for Pas</b>
33	Tripura	6	0	4
34	Uttar Pradesh	26	3	17
35	Uttarakhand	13	6	2
36	West Bengal	21	3	9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>366</b>

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