

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2256.
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.09.2020

Expansion of National Parks

2256. PROF. SAUGATA RAY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering any proposal to expand the area of National Parks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to setup buffer zones along the National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries of the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken note of protests in this regard by various States/farmer organization; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and action taken to redress their grievances?

ANSWER

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

- (a) and (b) The Protected Areas including the Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks are declared by the respective State Governments/ UT Administrations as per the provisions in the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. The State/UT Governments take action regarding expansion of National Parks whenever need arises as per the provisions contained in the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- (c), (d) and (e) Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change issues notification for Eco-sensitive Zone (ESZ) based on the proposals submitted by concerned State Government around Protected Areas, National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries. There is a provision for submitting grievances and remarks in connection to the draft notification within 60 days from the date of issue of draft notification. The final notification is issued only after considering and studying all these complaints or remarks on the draft notification.
