

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2920
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021

Monkey Menace

2920. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether a number of people particularly senior citizens and children are feeling unsafe in the streets due to rise in number of monkeys on the roads;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether monkey menace has made movement of people difficult in the streets in colonies like South Avenue in New Delhi;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including steps taken to devise scientific ways to capture monkeys; and
- (e) the other steps taken to address/combat the monkey menace and check their presence in the streets?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (e) Reports from media and Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi have been received in the Ministry regarding increasing number of monkeys on the roads. The Government of NCT of Delhi has also informed that such complaints have been referred to civic agencies as well as Non-Governmental Organizations for necessary action. The Civic Agencies capture and translocate monkeys from problematic areas and have released more than 23000 monkeys since 2001 in Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary. As per the information received from Government of NCT of Delhi, food is being provided to monkeys released in Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary.

The Ministry has approved a project for undertaking immuno-contraceptive measures for population management of wild animals including monkeys to the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun and National Institute of Immunology, Delhi.

The Ministry has also issued Advisory for handling human wildlife conflict situations, including for those relating to monkey.
