

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3287**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024

**Conservation of Wildlife in Chhattisgarh**

3287. SHRI BHOJRAJ NAG:

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

- (a) whether any special campaign or scheme is being implemented for the conservation of wildlife in the State of Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of sanctuaries in the said State along with the details of the funds spent on the said sanctuaries during the last five years; and
- (d) Whether there is any proposal to set up a sanctuary for the protection of elephants in the said State and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) to (c) The protection and management of wildlife is primarily the responsibility of respective State/UT Governments. The Ministry provides financial assistance to State/UT Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', which aims at conservation and protection of wildlife and improvement of its habitat.

As per the available information, there are 11 Sanctuaries and 3 National parks in the State of Chhattisgarh.

Details of funds released to States of Chhattisgarh under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme - Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats during last five years is as below:

( Rs in lakhs)

Financial Year	Development of Wildlife Habitats	Project Tiger	Project Elephant
2019-20	310.03	358.53	-
2020-21	104.36	471.16	-
2021-22	274.59	355.85	24.78
2022-23	104.46	82.88	-
2023-24	116.25	*292.855	

\*Centrally Sponsored Scheme Project Elephant and Centrally Sponsored Scheme Project Tiger have been merged and now known as Centrally Sponsored Scheme Project Tiger & Elephant.

- (d) As per the provisions of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the States/UTs may declare an area as a sanctuary if it is considered to have adequate ecological, faunal, floral, geomorphological, natural or zoological significance for the purpose of protecting, propagating or developing wildlife or its environment.

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