GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3340 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024

Migratory Birds

3340. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

- (a) the details of various migratory birds that come to the country particularly during winter season;
- (b) whether the number of the migratory birds decreased during the last few decades;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the various steps taken by the Government to provide protection to the said migratory birds; and
- (e) the details of the funds allocated/utilized for the said purpose during each of the last three years and current year, location-wise and State-wise including Rajasthan?

ANSWER

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

- (a) India is an important habitat for large number of migratory birds. The migratory birds that visit India include various species of ducks, geese, waders, stork, cranes, egrets/herons, flamingos, raptors, cranes, pelicans, gulls, etc.
- (b) and (c) Population estimations of various species of migratory birds have not been undertaken nationally. However many States/UTs undertake population estimations of different migratory species within their jurisdictions.
 - (d) The important steps taken by the Government for protection of migratory birds include:
 - i. Several important habitats of migratory birds have been declared as Protected Areas under Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
 - ii. Rare and endangered migratory species of birds found in India, like Black Necked Crane, Great Indian Bustard, Bar Headed Geese, Himalayan Griffon, etc. have been listed in Schedule-I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, thereby providing them the highest degree of protection.
 - iii. Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZs) around many National Parks and Sanctuaries have been notified under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to further strengthen conservation of wildlife, including migratory birds.

- iv. A specific component of 'Recovery programmes for saving critically endangered species and habitats' is included in the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Development of Wildlife Habitats'.
- v. Financial and technical assistance is provided to the State/UT Governments for protection and management of Protected Areas under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Development of Wildlife Habitats'
- vi. India is a signatory to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).
- vii. The Ministry has also notified the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 for conservation of all wetlands in the country.
- viii. India is a signatory to the Convention on Wetlands and currently 85 wetlands in India have been notified as Ramsar Sites.
- (e) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change provides financial assistance to the States/Union Territories including Rajasthan for protection of wildlife, including migratory birds and their habitats, under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes –Development of Wildlife Habitat and Project Tiger and Elephant. Details of financial assistance provided to States/Union Territories under the Scheme during the last three years and current year are at **Annexure-1 and Annexure-II** respectively.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3340 due for reply on 16.12.2024 regarding "Migratory Birds".

Details of funds released to State/ UT Governments under CSS-'Development of Wildlife Habitats' during last three years and CFY.

(₹. in lakhs)

S.N	Name of	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 (as
0.	States/UTs						on date 10.12.2024)
1	A& N Islands	132.64	0	135.77	25.125	0	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	512.69	312.5865	419.80617	276.4406	672.462	696.546
3	Assam	164.26	0	0	209.1464	565.1076 3	1234.4652
4	Bihar	148.142	205.1644	410.85952	0	336.3722	0
5	Chandigarh	0	25.16	0	21.6241	16.498	0
6	Chhattisgarh	310.0318	104.3593 6	274.5903	104.457	116.2486 8	135.58248
7	Goa	111.654	0	0	0	50.10	66.44425
8	Gujarat	0	124.5849	0	200.01	206.99	0
9	Haryana	237.6078	18.2212	127.331	30.1575	167.85	116.4861
10	Himachal Pradesh	375.7655 4	187.6351 8	197.09452	114.3205	94.15328	172.31067
11	Jammu & Kashmir	0	80.62863	0	0	69.57972	73.97099
12	Jharkhand	93.96	198.2265	79.53315	0	14.91025	71.93619
13	Karnataka	739.046	586.1263 41	1256.59314	291.7114	581.5234 6	800.8205
14	Kerala	845.026	731.2845	295.7737	224.4735	921.0361	909.63915
15	Madhya Pradesh	629.266	801.6012 7	389.34906	265.5508	471.8195 9	486.77709
16	Maharashtra	715.781	146.0813 5	0	350.3879	554.6964 5	622.0670
17	Manipur	396.455	241.1194 8.	142.50646	180.6437	231.7240	261.70605
18	Meghalaya	238.839	263.5046 3	530.51253	0	243.5661	389.5938
19	Mizoram	431.79	339.6085 5	198.9678	190.1977	304.207	344.3258
20	Nagaland	953.69	260.0010 5	342.0315	725.6565	1306.327	1044.063
21	Odisha	701.504	694.1881 9	726.80273	967.4976	1005.086 12	882.50229
22	Rajasthan	741.315	309.1263 4	1007.64845	86.78886	0	0
23	Sikkim	557.355	349.623	182.97174	239.6604 8	187.0323 7	221.17
24	Tamil Nadu	409.505	334.0354	390.75715	132.9520 5	373.8902	661.78722
25	Telangana	0	36.59304	0	0	0	0
26	Uttar Pradesh	426.251	312.9244	169.06261	266.7472	290.6442	393.86725

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27	Uttarakhand	1401.19	441.6103	226.34415	212.9662	498.497	652.247066
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28	West Bengal	891.073	710.6195	757.25599	201.3086	385.2998	0
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29	Puducherry	0	0	0	0	5.22	0
30	Lakshadweep	193.272	462.859	462.086	269.9055	124.655	217.185
31	Tripura	90.317	260.679	0	0	186.0551	0
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32	Ladakh UT	0	223.1729	31.95	61.11591	0.06	0
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	Grand Total	12448.42	8761.324	8755.5	5648.845	9981.612	10455.4930
		614	971	9767	23	03	965

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Details of funds released to State/ UT Governments under CSS-'Project Tiger and Elephant' during last three years.

(₹. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	2021-22			2022-23		2024-25 (as on
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		Project Tiger	Project Elephan t	Project Tiger	Project Elepha nt	*Projec t Tiger &	*Project Tiger & Elephant
						Elepha nt	
1	Andhra Pradesh	292.11	20.5565	0.00	0.00	149.421	365.13
2	Arunachal	869.08	157.761	0.00	26.8875	1119.91	629.112
	Pradesh		5			45	
3	Assam	1476.75	126.716	336.22	167.4	2619.30	2043.6046
	D'I	550.50		0.00	0.00	78	7
4	Bihar	552.72	-	0.00	0.00	308.982	126.14526
5	Chhattisgarh	355.85	24.785	82.88	0.00	292.855	181.581
6	Haryana	0.00	4.2345	0.00	17.4	26.1	20.40
7	Himachal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.61	0.00
	Pradesh						
8	Jharkhand	195.06	86.682	17.26	78.05	405.785	363.778
9	Karnataka	2956.70	261.195	235.24	97.8453	2613.08	783.0747
10	Kerala	868.78	580.967 65	417.59	270.09	34 996.224 25	221.36725
11	Madhya Pradesh	3523.52	12.613	1172.51	11.388	4303.79	2213.976
12	Maharashtra	2991.06	-	0.00	28.524	2614.45 17	1726.1219 3
13	Manipur	0.00	5.40	0.00	0.00	14.121	14.625
14	Meghalaya	0.00	141.75	0.00	32.14	65.25	29.70
15	Mizoram	374.13	-	0.00	0.00	144	247.917
16	Nagaland	0.00	279.759	0.00	235.575	337.77	231.1425
17	Odisha	1056.86	567.045	190.27	212.769 5	1012.58 76	563.401
18	Rajasthan	841.05	15.18	0.00	6.18609	968.300 4	228.47223
19	Tamil Nadu	1576.22	181.846 4	0.00	85.9405	2547.96 65	1450.5265 2
20	Telangana	543.26	-	0.00	0	323.308	291.682
21	Tripura	-	-	0.00	7.36516	27.0855	10.99296
22	Uttarakhand	1463.71	244.123 75	0.00	18.7415	1495.52 41	1207.53

23	Uttar Pradesh	1304.85	45.993	0.00	9.858	1031.97	1381.2537
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24	West Bengal	708.28	87.8717	0.00	30.05	522.581	425.94994
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		21949.99	2844.48	2451.97	1336.21	23960	14757.48
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^{*}Centrally Sponsored Scheme Project Elephant and Centrally Sponsored Scheme Project Tiger have been merged and now known as Centrally Sponsored Scheme Project Tiger & Elephant