

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 926
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025

Development of Sustainable Wildlife and Forest Tourism

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme to promote wildlife and forest tourism in the country and if so, the details thereof alongwith the scope of the same in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to tap the potential and promotion of the wildlife and forest tourism in the notified Tiger Reserves, National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries within the country including said State;
- (c) whether any scheme has been put in place to involve local communities as stakeholders in the development of sustainable wildlife and forest tourism; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds provided by the Government for promoting sustainable wildlife and forest tourism during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (d) The Ministry provides financial assistance to States/UTs for conservation of wildlife and its habitats including for undertaking eco-tourism activities under the Centrally Sponsored schemes – ‘Development of Wildlife Habitats’, ‘Project Tiger and Elephant’ including in the State of Tamil Nadu.

The tourism activities in and around tiger reserves are carried out as per the National Tiger Conservation Authority (Normative Standards for Tourism activities and Project Tiger) Guidelines, 2012 issued by the Ministry under section 38-O(1)(c) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has also issued ‘Guidelines for Sustainable Ecotourism in Forest and Wildlife Areas-2021’ which promotes the engagement of local communities in nature tourism in a manner that enriches local economy and encourages sustainable use of indigenous materials through financially viable value chains.

The details of financial assistance provided to States/Union Territories under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes – ‘Development of Wildlife Habitat’ and Project Tiger and Elephant’ are placed at **Annexure I** and **Annexure II** respectively.

Annexure- I

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 926 due for reply on 10.02.2025 regarding 'Development of Sustainable Wildlife and Forest Tourism'

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

(₹. in lakhs)				
S. No.	Name of States/UTs	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	A& N Islands	135.77	25.125	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	419.80617	276.44062	672.462
3	Assam	0	209.1464	565.10763
4	Bihar	410.85952	0	336.37223
5	Chandigarh	0	21.6241	16.498
6	Chhattisgarh	274.5903	104.457	116.24868
7	Goa	0	0	50.10
8	Gujarat	0	200.01	206.99
9	Haryana	127.331	30.1575	167.85
10	Himachal Pradesh	197.09452	114.3205	94.15328
11	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	69.57972
12	Jharkhand	79.53315	0	14.91025
13	Karnataka	1256.59314	291.71146	581.52346
14	Kerala	295.7737	224.4735	921.0361
15	Madhya Pradesh	389.34906	265.5508	471.81959
16	Maharashtra	0	350.3879	554.69645
17	Manipur	142.50646	180.64379	231.72407
18	Meghalaya	530.51253	0	243.56611
19	Mizoram	198.9678	190.1977	304.207
20	Nagaland	342.0315	725.6565	1306.3275
21	Odisha	726.80273	967.4976	1005.08612
22	Rajasthan	1007.64845	86.78886	0
23	Sikkim	182.97174	239.66048	187.03237
24	Tamil Nadu	390.75715	132.95205	373.8902
25	Uttar Pradesh	169.06261	266.7472	290.64425
26	Uttarakhand	226.34415	212.9662	498.497
27	West Bengal	757.25599	201.30866	385.29988
28	Puducherry	0	0	5.22
29	Lakshadweep	462.086	269.9055	124.655
30	Tripura	0	0	186.05514
31	Ladakh UT	31.95	61.11591	0.06
	Grand Total	8755.59767	5648.84523	9981.61203

Annexure- II

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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		2023-24
		Project Tiger	Project Elephant	Project Tiger	Project Elephant	*Project Tiger & Elephant
1	Andhra Pradesh	292.11	20.5565	0.00	0.00	149.421
2	Arunachal Pradesh	869.08	157.7615	787.19	26.8875	1119.9145
3	Assam	1476.75	126.716	2559.78	167.4	2619.3078
4	Bihar	552.72	0.00	246.90	0.00	308.9825
5	Chhattisgarh	355.85	24.785	165.75	0.00	292.855
6	Haryana	0.00	4.2345	0.00	17.4	26.1
7	Himachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.61
8	Jharkhand	195.06	86.682	227.75	78.05	405.785
9	Karnataka	2956.70	261.195	1716.92	97.8453	2613.0834
10	Kerala	868.78	580.96765	417.59	270.09	996.22425
11	Madhya Pradesh	3523.52	12.613	3956.88	11.388	4303.794
12	Maharashtra	2991.06	0.00	809.62	28.524	2614.4517
13	Manipur	0.00	5.40	0.00	0.00	14.121
14	Meghalaya	0.00	141.75	0.00	32.14	65.25
15	Mizoram	374.13	0.00	78.75	0.00	144
16	Nagaland	0.00	279.759	0.00	235.575	337.77
17	Odisha	1056.86	567.045	946.82	212.7695	1012.5876
18	Rajasthan	841.05	15.18	529.78	6.18609	968.3004
19	Tamil Nadu	1576.22	181.8464	501.35	85.9405	2547.9665
20	Telangana	543.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	323.308
21	Tripura	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.36516	27.0855
22	Uttarakhand	1463.71	244.12375	741.13	18.7415	1495.5241
23	Uttar Pradesh	1304.85	45.993	919.96	9.858	1031.9767
24	West Bengal	708.28	87.8717	458.77	30.05	522.58101
		21949.99	2844.48	15064.94	1336.211	23960

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