

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION No. 247**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2016

**Villages in Forest Areas**

**\* 247. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:**  
**SHRI AJAY NISHAD:**

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

- (a) the number of villages in the forest areas of the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the rehabilitation/regularisation of these villages and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the funds provided for the said purpose during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government has fixed any target and time limit for the rehabilitation/regularisation of the villages and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 247 due for answer on 15.03.2016 asked by Shri Hariom Singh Rathore and Shri Ajay Nishad regarding Villages in Forest Areas.**

- (a) The villages in forest areas may include forest villages, old habitations, unsurveyed villages and other villages in the forests, whether recorded, notified or not into revenue villages. However, as per information available in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the State-wise details of the forest villages in the country is given at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) to (d) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of “Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats” and “Project Tiger” under which funds are provided to States/UTs for relocation and rehabilitation of forest villages. The State/UT-wise details of funds provided for the said purpose under the above schemes during the last three years are given at **Annexure-II**.

Further, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 recognises the settlement and conversion of forest villages, whether recorded, notified or not, into revenue villages as a forest right. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, which is the nodal agency for implementation of this Act, has also issued guidelines on 08.11.2013 regarding conversion of all forest villages, old habitations, unsurveyed villages and other villages in the forests, whether recorded, notified or not, into revenue villages under section 3(1)(h) of the said Act.

Rehabilitation and conversion of the forest villages is a continuous process, hence no target and time limit for such rehabilitation/regularisation of these villages has been fixed.

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**Annexure-I**

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 247 due for answer on 15.03.2016 asked by Shri Hariom Singh Rathore and Shri Ajay Nishad regarding Villages in Forest Areas.**

**Statement showing total no. of forest villages in various states**

<b>S.N.</b>	<b>States</b>	<b>Total No. of Villages</b>
1	Assam	499
2	Chhattisgarh	425
3	Gujarat	199
4	Jharkhand	24
6	Madhya Pradesh	893
5	Meghalaya	23
7	Mizoram	85
8	Odisha	20
9	Tripura	62
10	Uttarakhand	61
11	Uttar Pradesh	13
12	West Bengal	170
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,474</b>

## Annexure-II

**Annexure referred to in reply to parts (b) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 247 due for answer on 15.03.2016 asked by Shri Hariom Singh Rathore and Shri Ajay Nishad regarding Villages in Forest Areas.**

State-wise details of funds released during last three years for relocation of villages

### **A. Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of “Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats”**

**(Rs. in lakhs)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
1.	Kerala	784.00	-	446.00
2.	Mizoram	-	122.20	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>784.00</b>	<b>122.20</b>	<b>446.00</b>

### **B. Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of “Project Tiger**

**(Rs. in lakhs)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
1.	Madhya Pradesh	3857.00	2800.00	2415.00
2.	Mizoram	227.00	122.00	-
3.	Rajasthan	3679.177	-	-
4.	Maharashtra	-	2164.00	2000.00
5.	Kerala	784.00	00	446.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>8547.177</b>	<b>5086.00</b>	<b>4861.00</b>

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