GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.743 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.03.2016

Reduction of Funds under IDWH

743. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has reduced the allocation of funds under the centrally sponsored scheme of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats (IDWH) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the protection of Tiger and Elephant etc. is likely to be affected due to reduction of funds; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)&(b) A comparative allocation of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' during the last three years and the current year is given below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Budget	Revised
	Estimate (BE)	Estimate (RE)
2012-13	73.50	74.89
2013-14	78.50	66.78
2014-15	78.50	65.89
2015-16	61.21	61.21

(c)&(d) The funding pattern of the scheme has been changed during 2015-16 from 100% central assistance for non-recurring activities to 60:40% funding by the Central and State Government respectively (90:10% for the North Eastern State and three Himalayan States and 100% for UTs). The State Governments have been advised to contribute their share while implementing the scheme. Thus the state share is expected to provide additional resources.