

(c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests and the State Government of J & K have been making several efforts to conserve endangered species of the State with technical support from many scientific institutions and conservation organizations. The Government is satisfied with the efforts made to protect endangered life forms in the State.

To protect the last surviving population of the Hangul, the Kashmir stag, the State Government has been regularly monitoring its population with technical support from the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) since 2004 and also conducting surveys in remnant sites with support from the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI). The Ministry of Environment and Forests developed the Hangul Recovery Programme with the technical support of WII and is providing financial support the State Government for its implementation. Further in pursuance to the decision of Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife, a sub-group has been constituted by the Ministry to specifically consider and advice conservation of Hangul species.

Allocation and utilisation of funds in Assam

2332. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and spent in Assam by the Ministry and its various organizations during the last three years and the current year,so far;

(b) the details of purposes for which these funds were given and spent; and

(c) the steps being taken to increase allocation of these funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests and organizations under its administrative purview provide funds to various States, including Assam, under various Plan schemes. Out of the Central Plan outlays approved for the Ministry in any financial year, Scheme-wise allotment is made depending on overall priorities, objectives and projected needs under the Scheme. Increase in allocation of funds to any State under any Scheme in turn depends on a multiplicity of factors, including allocation of required State's contribution from its financial resources as applicable under the Scheme concerned,

furnishing by the State Government of utilization certificates and progress reports on funds sanctioned earlier by the Central Government, and demand for funds based on the proposed activities and works in the State. The total Central Plan budgetary outlay approved for the Ministry of Environment and Forests for 2013-14 is Rs. 2,430/- crore, as compared to Rs. 1,800/- crore in 2012-13 (RE). The details of funds allocated and spent in Assam along with their purposes in the last three years and current year, so far, are as given in tabular statement below:

					(Rs. crore)
Sl.No.	Schemes/Purposes	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (till 31.01.2013)
1.	Biosphere Reserves Scheme	0.50	1.05	0.40	0.50
2.	National Afforestation Programme	14.48	6.08	7.95	1.47
3.	Green India Mission			1.30	
4.	Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats	1.14	1.86	2.34	1.46
5.	Project Elephant	1.60	1.39	2.00	2.50
6.	Intensification of Forest Management Scheme	3.60	2.02	2.46	0.00
7.	Environmental Education and Awareness	1.86	1.75	1.81	1.58

Destruction of forests due to soil erosion

‡2333. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware that due to land erosion in hilly States, the dense forests in the country are getting destroyed;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry would give any suggestion to States to build check dams in these areas to protect these dense forests;

‡ Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.