

Creation of eco-sensitive zone around wildlife sanctuary

†3854. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken by Government to create eco-sensitive zone all around the wildlife sanctuary and national parks, if so, the details thereof, and

(b) whether Government of Rajasthan has sent such a proposal to Central Government, if so, the details of action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) The National Board for Wildlife on 17th March, 2005 had decided that “Delineation of Eco-Sensitive Zones would have to be site specific and relate to regulation, rather than prohibition of specific activities. State Governments will have to be consulted in this regard and concurrence obtained. This being an area of potential conflict with local communities, no enhancement of area should be done arbitrarily”.

(b) Government of Rajasthan had forwarded proposals for declaration of eco-sensitive zone around 27 National Parks and Sanctuaries to the Central Government in September, 2013. The proposals were scrutinized by the Wildlife Institute of India. The State Government of Rajasthan was requested to revise the proposals in view of the comments of the Wildlife Institute of India. A meeting with the representatives of the Government of Rajasthan was also convened in the Ministry on 20th February, 2014 to discuss the proposals. The Government of Rajasthan has submitted the revised proposals to the Central Government for further scrutiny and issuance of draft notification.

Environmental approval to Bandra-Varsova sealink project

†3855. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request from State Government of Maharashtra regarding environmental approval to Bandra-Varsova sealink project, if so, the details thereof as on date;

(b) the latest status of the proposal; and

(c) by when the proposal is expected to be finalized and the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b)

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