

Financial assistance to Corbett National Park

†2321. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Corbett National Park situated in Uttarakhand is a world level park;
- (b) if so, whether Government of India would extend any special economic assistance to prevent the soil erosion due to the rivers flowing inside and outside the park;
- (c) if not, the manner in which Government would save this world level park from the flow of water; and
- (d) if not, whether Government would accept the proposal of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) to (d) The Corbett Tiger Reserve in Uttarakhand is well known. Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, central assistance is provided to the said tiger reserve, based on the Annual Plan of Operation from the State for the reserve specific tiger conservation inputs, which, *inter-alia*, include soil and moisture conservation.

Noise pollution in Metro cities

2322. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that noise pollution in the Metro cities of the country, especially near fly overs has radically gone up to 85 DB;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for big metro cities and the reasons therefor along with the details of standard laid down by the Pollution Control Board in this regard;
- (c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard including installation of noise barriers and micro-surfacing of roads; and
- (d) the further steps taken by Government for conducting noise mapping before construction of any flyover or industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) The ambient noise levels are monitored in seven metro cities, namely Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, and Lucknow on 24X7 basis at 35 locations. Time series data for

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