

Identification of critically endangered species

2058. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has identified 'Nilgiri Tahr' (Varaiaadu) as critically endangered species;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has launched 'Recovery Programme for Critically Endangered Species';

(c) if so, the details of funds allocated for 'Nilgiri Tahr' during the last five years; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Government has launched 'Recovery Programme for Critically Endangered Species' as a component of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats" in which states are provided central assistance for undertaking conservation programmes.

(c) and (d) During 2009-10 an amount of ₹ 4.50 lakh was released to the State Government of Tamil Nadu for preparation of Recovery Plan for Nilgiri Tahr in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. No funds have been sought by the States thereafter.

Pollution level of rivers and rivulets in Goa

2059. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any study regarding the pollution level of rivers and rivulets in Goa; and

(b) if so, the details of the study made and when was this study made, and the findings of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) As per the report 'Status of Water Quality in India-2012' of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the State Pollution Control Board of Goa carries out the water quality monitoring of rivers Zuari, Mandovi, Kalna, Valvant, Madai, Khandepar, Talpona, Tiracol, Singuerim, Bicholim, Chapora, Mapusa, Sal, Kushawati and Assonora.