

case of States of Telangana and West Bengal unspent money of previous years was adjusted in the current financial year sanction and hence in this year no fund has been released so far.

Action plan to save wildlife

1783. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has worked out an action plan to save wildlife in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what is the status of saving the elephants in the elephant corridors; and
- (d) how it has been controlled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) National Wildlife Action Plans have been formulated and implemented in the country. At present, the second National Wild Life Action Plan (2002-2016) is in operation. Broadly, the Action Plan encompasses the following important strategies for wildlife conservation:

- (i) Strengthening and enhancing Protected Area network
- (ii) Effective management of Protected Areas
- (iii) Conservation of wild and endangered species and their habitats
- (iv) Control of poaching and illegal trade in wild animal and plant species
- (v) Ensuring Peoples' participation in wildlife conservation
- (vi) Strengthening domestic legislations
- (vii) Enhancing financial allocation for ensuring sustained fund flow to wildlife sector
- (viii) Integration of Action Plan with other Sectoral programmes.

(c) and (d) In order to provide focused conservation and protection to Asian Elephants, the Government of India has launched 'Project Elephant' in 1992 with following objectives :

- (i) To protect elephants, their habitat and corridors
- (ii) To address issues of man-animal conflict
- (iii) Welfare of captive elephants

Further, the Elephant Task Force Report 2010 titled '*Gajah*' has identified 27 Priority-I and 61 Priority-II Elephant corridors. Details of the corridors are given in the Statement (See below).

The following are the important steps taken to protect Elephants and their habitats including corridors:

- (i) Financial assistance provided to 16 Elephant range States under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Project Elephant';
- (ii) Improvement of elephant habitat, including Elephant Reserves and Corridors carried out;
- (iii) Eco-restoration is taken up in critical areas of elephant reserves and corridors;
- (iv) Training and awareness camps are organized regularly for local people for conservation of elephants and other wildlife;
- (v) Local communities are organized into Joint Forest Management Committees/ Eco-development Committees for, *inter-alia*, protection of elephant habitat, including elephant corridors.

Statement

Elephant Corridors identified by Elephant Task Force "Gajah"

Priority-I Elephant Corridors

Sl. No.	Elephant Corridor	Sl. No.	Elephant Corridor
1.	Chilla-Motichur	12.	Kalapahar-Daigurung
2.	Rawasan-Sonanadi (<i>Via</i> Landsdown)	13.	Kaziranga-Karbi Anglog at Panbari
3.	South Patlidun-Chilkiya	14.	Kaziranga-Karbi Anglong at Kanchanjuri
4.	Malani Kota	15.	Pakke-Doimara at Tipi
5.	Simlipal-Satkosia	16.	Baghmara-Balpakram
6.	Baula-Kuldhia	17.	Siju Rewak
7.	Kotgarh-Chandrapur	18.	Edayarhalli-Doddasampige
8.	Buxa-Ripu at Sankosh	19.	Kaniyanpura-Moyar
9.	Ankua-Ambia	20.	Anaimali at Punachi
10.	Pakke-Doimara at Dezling	21.	Anaimalai between Siluvaimedu-Kadamparai
11.	Pakke-Papum at Longka Nullah		

Sl. No.	Elephant Corridor	Sl. No.	Elephant Corridor
22.	Chamranagar-Talamalai at Muddahalli	25.	Tirunelli - Kudrakote
23.	Kalamali - Singara and Avarahalla	26.	Buoolavampatti-Attapadi
24.	Moyar-Avarahalla	27.	Anaimalai at Waterfalls Estate

Priority-II Elephant Corridors

1.	Kansrau-Barkote	23.	Tal-Kholgarh
2.	Motichur-Gohri	24.	Nuahgaon-Baruni
3.	Rawasan-Sonanadi (<i>Via</i> Bijnor FD)	25.	Mahananda-Kolbari and Tukriajhar
4.	Chilkiya-kota	26.	Apalchand-Mahananda
5.	Fatehpur-Gadgadiya	27.	Apalchand-Gorumara
6.	Gora Rankhu and Gorai-Tanda	28.	Apalchand-Kalimpong at mal block (<i>Via</i> Sylee)
7.	Kilpura-khatima-surai	29.	Apalchand-Kalimpong at mal block (<i>Via</i> Meenglass)
8.	Lagga Bagga - Kishenpur	30.	Chapramari-Kalimpong
9.	Mahilong-Kalimati	31.	Rethi-Central Diana
10.	Chandil-Matha	32.	Rethi-Moraghat
11.	Dalma-Chandil	33.	Dumchi-Rethi
12.	Dalma-Rugai	34.	Titi-Dumchi
13.	Jhunjhaka-Banduan	35.	Buxa- Titi (<i>Via</i> Torsa)
14.	Dalapani-Kankrajhor	36.	uxa- Titi (<i>Via</i> Beech and Barnbari)
15.	Dumriya-Nayagram	37.	Nemati - Chilapata
16.	Dumriya-Kundaluka and Murakanjia	38.	Pakke-Papum at Seijosa Nullah
17.	Leda-Bera	39.	Durpong-Doimukh at Khundakhuwa
18.	Anjadbera-Bichaburu	40.	Dulung-Subansari
19.	Karo-Karampada	41.	D'ering - Mebo at Sigar Nalah
20.	Badampahar-Dhobadhobil	42.	D'ering - Mebo at Kongkul
21.	Badampahar-Karida East	43.	Kotha Burhidihing
22.	Kahnejena-Anantpur		

Sl. No.	Elephant Corridor	Sl. No.	Elephant Corridor
44.	Upper Dihing East - Upper Dihing West Block at Bogapani	53.	Tali
45.	Upper Dihing East - Upper Dihing West Block Between Golai-Pawai	54.	Chamrajnagar-Talamalai at Punjur
46.	Kukurakata-Bagser at Amguri	55.	Talamalai-Guttiyalattur
47.	Charduar-Singri Hill	56.	Avarahalla-Sigur
48.	Saipunj-Narpuh	57.	Kalhatti-Sigur at Glen Corin
49.	Rewak-Imangiri	58.	Nilambur Kovilakam - New Amarambalam
50.	Nokrek-Imangiri	59.	Periya at Pakranthalam
51.	Ranggira-Nokrek	60.	Kottiyur-Periya
52.	Karadikkal-Madeswara	61.	Kallar at Gandhapallayam

Action plan for formulation of National Parks

1784. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to formulate any new action plan for development of National Parks to protect wild animals in the country; and

(b) if so, the number of such National Parks for which Government has formulated such schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to formulate any new Action Plan for development of National Parks to protect wild animals in the country. The concerned State/UT Governments prepare Management Plans for National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries for a period of ten years in consultation with the scientific institutes to ensure better management of Protected Areas.

Diversion of forest land

1785. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 2,500 hectares of forest land is being diverted across the country and especially in Andhra Pradesh in near future;