

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION No.689
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021

National Board for Wildlife

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of times the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) has met since 2014, year-wise;
- (b) the number of wildlife clearances for projects granted by the NBWL since 2014, year-wise;
- (c) the maximum legally sanctioned number of independent members on the Board; and
- (d) the number of independent members at present serving on the Board?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a) and (b) No meeting of the National Board for Wild Life was held during the period from 2014 to 2021 (till date). However, the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life has conducted thirty (30) meetings from 2014 to January, 2021 and recommended 934 projects. The year-wise details are as follows:

S.No.	Year wise	No of meetings conducted	No. of recommended projects
1	2014-15	3	193
2	2015-16	4	110
3	2016-17	4	126
4	2017-18	7	220
5	2018-19	5	153
6	2019-20	3	71
7	2020-21	4 (till date)	61 (till date)
Total		30	934

- (c) and (d) As per section 5A of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, five (5) persons representing Non-Government Organizations and ten (10) eminent conservationist, ecologists and environmentalists are nominated by the Central Government to the National Board for Wild Life. The details of members nominated by the Central Government from these categories are as follows:

- A. Five (5) persons representing following Non-Governmental Organizations:
- i. Gujarat Ecological Education and Research (GEER) Foundation, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
 - ii. World Wildlife Fund for Nature-India, Delhi
 - iii. Aranyak, Guwahati, Assam
 - iv. Nature Conservation Society, Jharkhand
 - v. Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- B. Ten (10) eminent conservationists, ecologists & environmentalists:
- i. Prof. Raman Sukumar,
 - ii. Dr. H.S. Singh
 - iii. Shri V.B. Sawarkar,
 - iv. Shri S.S. Bisht,
 - v. Dr. P.S. Easa,
 - vi. Shri. P.R. Sinha,
 - vii. Dr. R. J. Rao,
 - viii. Dr. Madan Mohan Pant,
 - ix. Shri Rajendra P. Kerkar,
 - x. Shri Lav Kumar Khachar

The Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life presently comprises nine (9) members which includes independent members. They are:

- i. Prof. Raman Sukumar
- ii. Dr. H.S. Singh
- iii. Nominee of Gujarat Ecological Education and Research Foundation, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
