

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2448
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2022

Man-animal co-existence

2448. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:
SHRI K.R. SURESH REDDY:

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

- (a) whether Government agrees with the view that a strategy must be designed to educate local communities on how to live with wild animals in a time of global warming, and also that a participatory model must be designed involving local community and youth to understand wild animal behavior;
- (b) if so, the initiatives taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) and (b) The importance of generating awareness among local communities and eliciting their participation in reducing human-wildlife conflict is recognized by the Ministry. The initiatives taken by the Ministry in this regard include the following:
 - i. The National Wildlife Action Plan (2017-2031) envisages peoples' participation in wildlife conservation. It aims at building, enhancing and sustaining people's support and participation in wildlife conservation.
 - ii. An advisory has been issued by the Ministry to all States/UTs on dealing with human wildlife conflict on 06.02.2021. The advisory envisages creating an effective system for dealing with human wildlife conflict based on people's participation.
 - iii. The Ministry provides financial assistance to States/UTs under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of 'Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant' for conservation of wildlife and its habitat which, inter alia, include activities involving people's participation.
- (c) Question does not arise.
