

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 152
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025

Funds allocated to wildlife sanctuaries and national parks in Tamil Nadu

152*. DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:

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

- (a) the details of the funds allocated by Government to wildlife sanctuaries and national parks in Tamil Nadu along with the amount disbursed and utilised during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to build and promote more national parks in the country including Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b) & (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *152 REGARDING “FUNDS ALLOCATED TO WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES AND NATIONAL PARKS IN TAMIL NADU” BY DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU FOR REPLY ON 13.03.2025

- (a) As informed by the State of Tamil Nadu, the details of the funds allocated, disbursed and utilised for management of Sanctuaries and National Parks under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme – ‘Development of Wildlife Habitats’ during the last three years are as below:

(Rs in lakhs)

Financial Year	Funds sanctioned	Funds released	Funds utilized
2021-22	841.60	631.20	589.60
2022-23	1059.89	264.97	260.04
2023-24	1534.60	383.65	383.64

Further, as informed by State of Tamil Nadu, details of funds allocated, disbursed and utilised under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme – ‘Project Tiger’ and ‘Project Elephant’ are as follows:

(Rs in lakhs)

Scheme	Financial Year	Funds sanctioned	Funds released	Funds utilized
Project Tiger	2021-22	3634.74	2773.41	2671.10
	2022-23	4081.75	1020.21	1020.21
	2023-24	4234.15	4129.06	4090.03

(Rs in lakhs)

Scheme	Financial Year	Funds sanctioned	Funds released	Funds utilized
Project Elephant	2021-22	453.90	340.42	290.23
	2022-23	773.63	193.41	192.02
	2023-24	683.60	666.51	617.80

- (b) and (c) As per the provisions of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, the States are empowered to declare Protected Areas including National Parks, Sanctuaries, Conservation Reserves and Community Reserves. Currently, the number of National Parks in the Country is 106.
