

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SUBRAMANIAM COMMITTEE REPORT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient feature of the report submitted by Subrmaniam Committee which examined the issues relating to the illegal trade in the Wildlife and Wildlife production; and

(b) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS

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(a) & (b) The salient features of the report submitted by the Subramaniam Committee, which examined the issues relating to illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products and action taken by the Government are as follows:

S. No	Recommendations of the Subramaniam Committee	Action taken by the Government
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1.	Special measures to be taken by The Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Home Affairs to clear sensitive and disturbed areas like Manas, Kaziranga and Dudhwa from the presence of militant elements.	Government of India has permitted the State Governments to utilise the central forces for providing security in the protected areas.
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2.	Enlisting support and co-operation of the local people in wildlife protection and to adopt special measures to remove the feeling of alienation.	Support and co-operation of local people in wildlife protection is enlisted through the Ecodevelopment Project and Centrally Sponsored Ecodevelopment Scheme.
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3.	Introduce dynamic management of Protect Areas to reduce crop damage and cattle killing by wild animals. by various state governments for cattle killed by wild animals.	Funds are being provided under various schemes for habitat improvement and to reduce crop damage. Compensation is provided
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4.	Use buffer zone to meet local needs through Joint Forest Management and Ecodevelopment programmes. programmes is also being implemented in and around National Parks and Sanctuaries for meeting the needs of the local people.	More than 35,000 Joint Forest Management Committees have been formed in different states in the country. Ecodevelopment
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5.	To consider the socio-ethnic needs of the tribal and other communities during re-settlement process.	The socio-economic and ethnic requirement of tribal and other communities during voluntary relocation is taken into
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consideration.

6. Create special team of armed Provision has been made for the personnel for effective deployment of armed squads in patrolling in the protected the disturbed and sensitive areas to meet the threats from tiger reserves. criminals.

7. Communication and transport Funds are being provided to the facilities for wildlife State Governments' for wireless personnel. equipments and vehicles.

8. Providing arms to wildlife Funds are allotted to the State officials for personal Government for providing arms to protection. wildlife official for personal protection.

9. Organise surprise checks with Surprise checks are organised by the assistance of the State Regional Offices with the Administration to detect assistance of State transport and movement of Administration. illegal wildlife products.

10 Launch massive campaign to give Publicity material is . wide publicity against illegal distributed to the masses. possession of wildlife Translites are installed at products. major airports and meetings are organised to give wide publicity against illegal possession of wildlife and its products.

11 Establish system to impart Special training courses in . comprehensive training to wildlife protection, law and customs staff. forensic science are organised by the Wildlife Institute of India for Customs Officials.

12 Set up Wildlife Forensic A Wildlife Forensic Lab has been . Science Unit in Wildlife set up in the Wildlife Institute of India. of India.

13 Enlist co-operation of Non- Co-operation of eminent NGOs . Governmental Organisation for with proven track record is wildlife conservation and enlisted for wildlife preservation. conservation.

14 Ensure better co-ordination i) A Special Co-ordination and . between various enforcement Enforcement Committee has been agencies for curbing illegal set up in the Ministry of trade in wildlife and its Environment & Forests for products. curbing illegal trade in wildlife and its products.

ii) Special training workshop to control illegal wildlife trade is organised by Wildlife Institute of India for various enforcement agencies like Customs, CBI and para-military forces.

15 Establish a Central Task Force Action has been initiated to . for prevention of crime against establish Special Enforcement wildlife. Mechanism to deal with the poaching and illegal trade in wildlife and its products.

16 Establish a Central Wildlife Central Wildlife Crime Data Bank
. Crime Data Bank to collect, is an integral component of
collate and analyse data on Wildlife Trade Prevention and
wildlife. Control Bureau mentioned at
serial number 15.