

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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HUNTING OF SIBERIAN CRANES
BALIRAM

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware that people are hunting migratory Siberian Cranes in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check such incidence?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

- (a) & (b) There are no reports of migratory Siberian Cranes being hunted in the country.
- (c) The measures adopted to protect Siberian Cranes include:
 1. Siberian Crane has been listed in the Schedule I of The Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972 thereby according to it the highest degree of protection under law.
 2. State Forest Departments provide strict protection to it at all its known 'visit sites'.
 3. Awareness programmes are conducted to sensitise the local communities for conservation and protection of migratory birds.
 4. Central government provides financial and technical assistance to the state governments for development of national parks and sanctuaries where migratory bird species visit.