

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:840  
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MONKEY MENACE IN DELHI  
MAHESHWAR SINGH

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

(a) whether the Government have received any representations from public representatives during the last six months regarding monkey menace in Delhi especially at Ferozeshah Road; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A number of representations were received from public representatives from all over Delhi including Ferozshah Road mostly on phone and through media reports about monkey menace for immediate action. Only one written complaint regarding monkey menace was received by NDMC from 29, Ferozshah Road. In order to reduce the monkey menace in Delhi, civic agencies have taken steps to catch monkeys and translocating them in their natural habitat outside Delhi. A monkey shelter has been constructed at Rajokari situated at southern ridge, New Delhi for giving temporary shelter to the captured monkeys and for their medical treatment till they are translocated. The Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) has provided financial assistance to the tune of Rs.12.74 lacs for construction of Rajokari Shelter to the Office of Conservator of Forests, Government of NCT of Delhi. Presently, 256 monkeys are kept in Rajokari Shelter for translocating. The MoEF has also taken up the matter with the States of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh for translocating these monkeys in their natural habitat.