

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

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PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE IN FLOOD AFFECTED NATIONAL PARKS

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Kaziranga National Park and Manas National Park in Assam have been severely hit by the flood;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to safeguard the lives of rare wild animals in these two National Parks?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) As per the latest report received from the state during the year, so far the flooding has not been severe both in Kaziranga and Manas National Park.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Central Government provides financial assistance to the State for conservation of wildlife. Besides other activities for protection and conservation of wildlife in these areas, funds are also utilized for providing boats for effective communication, maintenance of highlands for providing shelter to wild animals during the floods, and rescuing endangered animals in the Parks. The Kaziranga National Park has a Wildlife Rescue Center established to provide immediate medical treatment to the injured wild animals. Restriction on speed of vehicles in the adjacent National Highway are also imposed to protect animals trying to move to higher grounds from accidents.