

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

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STRENGTHENING OF SECURITY OF NATIONAL PARKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain State Governments have sent proposals to the Union Government to strengthen the security of the National Parks and to make them more attractive for tourists in view of incidents of death of elephants during last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) The Central Government provides financial assistance under the centrally sponsored schemes, viz., Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries, Project Tiger and Project Elephant, for protection of all wild animals including elephants in the National Parks based on annual plans of operation submitted by various State Governments. However, no specific proposals have been received by the Central Government to strengthen the security of the National Parks and to make them attractive for tourists in view of death of elephants during the last few years.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.