

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3815
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2004
SATELLITE FACILITY FOR CONSERVATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad has taken up project for setting up satellite facility for research in the area of conservation of endangered species;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Ministry of Environment and Forests for financial support for the laboratory meant for this purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total financial assistance provided or likely to be provided for this purpose?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad has taken up a project in collaboration with the Central Zoo Authority, Department of Biotechnology and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research to establish a Laboratory for Conservation of Endangered Species (LACONES) at Hyderabad. The purpose is for undertaking research on biotechnological interventions for conservation of wildlife.

(c), (d) & (e) Yes Sir. A total financial assistance of Rs.746.787 lakhs has been envisaged w.e.f. 1st August, 2003 for a period of five years, to be jointly funded by the Central Zoo Authority, Department of Biotechnology and Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. The Central Zoo Authority has already released Rs.180.00 lakhs from its share of Rs.360.00 lakhs.