

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2113

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INCLUSION OF BHADRA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY IN MYSORE ELEPHANT RESERVE

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

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted any proposal for inclusion of Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary and neighbouring areas under the Mysore Elephant Reserve;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared by the Government alongwith financial assistance likely to be provided to this sanctuary?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)to (c) Yes, Sir.A proposal was received from Government of Karnataka for inclusion of 1174.86 sq. kms of forest area of Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary and its neighbouring areas in the Mysore Elephant Reserve. The proposal has already been approved by the Central Government in February 2010.

The State is being already provided financial assistance under the Project Elephant Scheme for management and protection of elephants in the entire State including Mysore Elephant Reserve. Hence, no separate financial assistance needs to be provided for this additional area under the Mysore Elephant Reserve.