

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

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SANCTUARIES FOR BLACKBUCKS

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

- (a) the total number of sanctuaries for Blackbucks in the country;
- (b) whether due to heavy rains in May, 2009 in Tal Chhaper Sanctuary, several Blackbucks were killed;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any prospective scheme is being formulated for the protection of Blackbucks in the sanctuary; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) One National Park and three Sanctuaries have been notified specifically for the conservation of Blackbucks in the country. Besides these Protected Areas, Blackbucks are found in other National Parks and Sanctuaries and also outside the Protected Areas.
- (b) & (c) As per the information received from the State Government of Rajasthan, 75 Blackbucks died due to shock caused by stormy rains with heavy hailstorms between 28 May and 31 May, 2009 in Tal Chhaper Sanctuary in Churu district.
- (d) & (e) The Central Government provides financial assistance to Protected Areas including Blackbuck Sanctuaries and National Park as per the Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) submitted by the State Governments subject to availability of funds and fulfillment of necessary procedural requirements under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant'. Accordingly, no other scheme for Blackbucks is contemplated.