

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
LOK SABHA**

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CONSERVATION OF BLACKBUCK  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of programmes/schemes being run by the Government for conservation of blackbucks in the country;
- (b) whether incidents of death and poaching of blackbucks have come to the light from various parts of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the amount of funds released for the conservation of blackbucks in various sanctuaries including Tal Chhapar in Rajasthan during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) Presently the Ministry has no specific scheme/ proposal aimed at protection of blackbucks. However, the Ministry provides financial assistance to State/Union Territory Governments for protection of wildlife and its habitats including blackbucks under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' and 'Project Tiger'.

(b)&(c) Reports of poaching of blackbucks in the country have been occasionally received in the Ministry. The management and protection of wildlife is the responsibility of the concerned State/ Union Territory Governments. Information on wildlife offences in the States/Union Territories is not collated in the Ministry.

(d) Details of funds released to Tal Chhapar Sanctuary in Rajasthan under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' during last three year and the current year is as follows:

2011-12	Rs. 4.90 lakh
2012-13	Rs.4.137 lakh
2013-14	Rs.4.907 lakh
2014-15	Rs.6.41 lakh

Details of total funds released to State/Union Territory Governments for protection of wildlife and its habitats including blackbucks under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' and 'Project Tiger' during last three year and the current year is at Annexure.