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title: Need for expeditious approval to the State Action Plan of Government of Rajasthan regarding conservation of Great Indian Bustard.

SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH (JHALAWAR-BARAN) : Great Indian Bustard (GIB) is the state bird of Rajasthan and its population has drastically decreased over the years to around 100 in Rajasthan. There is an urgency to protect GIB which has already been classified as a critically endangered species by International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). For its conservation, Rajasthan had submitted a State Action Plan in June, 2014 as per the guidelines issued by GoI in June, 2012. It focuses on providing natural habitat to GIBs for their conservation (in situ conservation). The plan has not yet been approved by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. As per the guidelines issued by MOEFCC, the Annual Recovery Plan for the GIB will be provided Central funding under a Centrally sponsored Scheme i.e. Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats. Therefore, I request Government of India to approve the State Action Plan to prevent Great Indian Bustard from becoming an extinct species.