

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1583
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2017

Villages in Forest Areas

1583. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages located in the reserved forests in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has chalked out any scheme to relocate these villages out-side the reserved forests and if so, the details of the scheme;
- (c) the number of villages relocated from reserved forest areas so far, in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether any proposal has been received from State Government of Chhattisgarh for the said purpose and if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the reasons for not according sanction to the said proposal so far?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a) The villages in forest areas may include forest villages, old habitations, unsurveyed villages and other villages in the forests, whether recorded, notified or not into revenue villages. However, as per information available in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the State-wise details of the forest villages in the country is given at **Annexure-I**.
- (b)&(c) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of “Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats” and “Project Tiger” under which funds are provided to States/UTs for relocation and rehabilitation of forest villages. The number of villages relocated outside is given in the **Annexure-II**.
- (d)&(e) A proposal pertaining to village relocation from the State Government of Chhattisgarh for Achanakmar Tiger Reserve was received and the same has been returned to the State for certain clarifications.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1583 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25.07.2017 ASKED BY SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU REGARDING VILLAGES IN FOREST AREAS

Statement showing total No. of forest villages in various states

S.N.	States	Total No. of Villages
1	Assam	499
2	Chhattisgarh	425
3	Gujarat	199
4	Jharkhand	24
5	Madhya Pradesh	893
6	Meghalaya	23
7	Mizoram	85
8	Odisha	20
9	Tripura	62
10	Uttarakhand	61
11	Uttar Pradesh	13
12	West Bengal	170
	Total	2,474

Annexure-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) &(c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1583 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25.07.2017 ASKED BY SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU REGARDING VILLAGES IN FOREST AREAS

Villages relocated outside core/critical tiger habitats of Tiger Reserves & Wildlife Sanctuaries

S.N.	States	Name of the Tiger Reserve/ Wildlife Sanctuary/	Number of villages relocated
1	Chhattisgarh	Achanakmar	6
2	Karnataka	Bhadra	10
3	Karnataka	Nagarhole	6
4	Kerala	Wayanad Sanctuary	4
5	Madhya Pradesh	Bandhavgarh	2
6	Madhya Pradesh	Kanha	34
7	Madhya Pradesh	Panna	13
8	Madhya Pradesh	Satpura	30
9	Maharashtra	Melghat	10
10	Maharashtra	Sahayadri	49
11	Maharashtra	Tadoba-Andhari	2
12	Mizoram	Dampa	1
13	Mizoram	Thorangtlang Wildlife Sanctuary	3
14	Odisha	Similipal	3
15	Rajasthan	Ranthambhore	3
16	Rajasthan	Sariska	3
17	Tamil Nadu	Mudumalai	1
Total			180