

having wild animals does impact the animal life in terms of accessibility of animals to water and other habitat use in the areas around the river. Establishment of rafting camps further impact the habitat use by animals.

(c) This aspect is taken care of by the concerned licensing authorities for river rafting under the State Governments.

Compensation for forest title holders

3576. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued the title to Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFD) and fixed and distributed compensation for forest title holders against FRA, titles;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per the information maintained by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, nodal Ministry for implementation of FRA, 2006, 12,02,573 titles have been issued to Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFDs) till 31.07.2011 and 16,669 titles are ready for distribution. There is no provision in the Forest Rights Act, 2006 for fixing and distribution of the compensation to the forest title holders against the titles distributed under the Act.

Violation of green norms

3577. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has approved several projects violating the green norms;

(b) if so, the details of approvals given during the last two years; and

(c) the reasons for violation of the norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) No Sir. Ministry of Environments & Forests (MoEF), in discharge of its statutory function accords Forest and Environment clearances to the projects, as per the procedures laid down in the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules framed there-under. MoEF did not accord approval to any project in violation of the norms/procedure stipulated under the afore-mentioned statutes.

(b) and (c) In view of reply to part (a) above, reply to parts (b) and (c) does not arise.

Involvement of officials in encroachment of forest land

3578. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1577 dated 16 August, 2011 given in the Rajya Sabha and state:

(a) the names of the persons who are involved in encroachment of forest land for less than 10 bighas and for more than 10 bighas with their respective districts/tehsils/villages;

(b) whether it is a fact that no case of negligence on the part of officials of the forest department has come to notice; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that felling of trees and encroachment of forest land are not possible without the involvement of the official of the forest department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Amendment in statute for conservation of elephants

3579. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has refused a proposal to set up National Elephant Conservation Authority (NECA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that proposal was not even placed before the Cabinet;