



Human-Wildlife Conflict Prevention Fund (Corps Fund)

Why In News?

On May 26, 2023, Principal Secretary, Forest and Environment Department of Uttarakhand, R.K. Sudhanshu said that to reduce the incidents of human-wildlife conflict in the state, the department has given green signal to Human-Wildlife Conflict Prevention and Human-Wildlife Conflict Prevention Fund (Corps Fund). A government order has been issued in this regard.

Key Points:

- It is known that every year 60 to 70 people die in human-wildlife conflict in the state and 250 to 300 people get injured. In order to provide immediate relief in such incidents, the state government has set up a human-wildlife conflict prevention cell as well as a corpus fund of Rs 2 crore.
- The state government will be able to increase or decrease this amount at its own discretion. The special thing is that the amount will be non-lapsable. That is, whatever amount of funds is left every year, it will remain in future also and the amount received in future will go on adding to the fund.
- One Forest Officer of the Forest Department, one GIS expert on contract basis and two JRF, SRF experts will be appointed in the cell.
- The Human-Wildlife Conflict Prevention Cell will operate under the office of Chief Wildlife Warden. The cell has been established for scientific analysis of the incidents happening between humans and wildlife in the state.
- What will the cell do:
 - To collect data of every human-wildlife incident happening in the state.
 - To monitor the status of payment of ex-gratia after the event.
 - Scientific analysis of all events.
 - Study of the steps being taken in this regard in other countries and regions.
 - Participation in wildlife census in the state.
 - Other technical work.