

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 12.11.2010
ANSWERED ON**

KILLING OF ELEPHANTS IN TRAIN ACCIDENT .

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SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA

Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOALRAILWAYS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government is aware that seven elephants were killed by colliding to with high speed goods train near Jalpigudi (West Bengal);
- (b) if so, between railways and Department of Forests the entity that is responsible for this accidents;
- (c) whether this area falls under the Forest conservation zone; and
- (d) in order that such an accident doesn't recur whether Railways and Forest Conservation Department are in agreement or such an agreement is under consideration?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): The location where the accident took place does not fall under any identified elephant zone nor does it fall under conservation zone. As such, there was no restriction on speed of movement of trains.

(d): Ministry of Railways in consultation with Ministry of Environment and Forests has taken action including issue of an Advisory to Zonal Railways to prevent train accident involving elephants.