

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3486
ANSWERED ON 01.04.2022

ANIMALS KILLED ON RAILWAY TRACK

3486 # SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of *RAILWAYS* be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of wild animals including elephants killed on railway tracks in the country during the last three years and the current year, region-wise;
- (b) whether Railways have conducted any inquiry in this matter;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to prevent recurrence of such incidents on railway tracks in the country in future?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3486 BY SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 01.04.2022 REGARDING ANIMALS KILLED ON RAILWAY TRACK

(a) The Zone-wise details of number of wild animals including elephants killed on railway tracks in the country during the last three years and current year are as under:

Year	2019		2020		2021		2022*		Total	
	Item		Item		Item		Item		Item	
Railway	E	O	E	O	E	O	E	O	E	O
Central	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
East Central	0	19	0	25	0	38	0	14	0	96
East Coast	2	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	7	0
Northern	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	6	0
North Eastern	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0
Northeast Frontier	4	0	6	0	5	1	2	0	17	1
Southern	2	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	9	0
South Central	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	6
South Eastern	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	5	0
South East Central	0	18	0	7	0	25	0	22	0	72
South Western	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	5
West Central	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	4
Western	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Total	10	44	16	38	19	69	3	37	48	188
*Upto 28.02.2022.										
E= Elephants killed on railway tracks.										
O= Wild animals, other than elephants, killed on railway track.										

(b) to (d) In cases of killing of elephants/wild animal on railway tracks, Zonal Railways investigate the incidences and conduct inquiry wherever necessary. Based on the findings in investigation/enquiry, a number of preventive measures are taken by Zonal Railways in coordination with Ministry of Environment and Forest which include the following:

- (i) Imposition of speed restrictions in identified locations,
- (ii) Provision of signage board to warn loco pilots about identified elephant corridors,
- (iii) Sensitization of Train Crew and Station Masters on a regular basis,
- (iv) Need based clearance of vegetation on the sides of the track within railway land,
- (v) Construction of underpasses and ramps for the movement of elephants at identified locations,
- (vi) Provision of fencing at isolated locations,
- (vii) Installation of innovative Honey bee sound systems at locations, which are prone to crossing of elephants,
- (viii) Forest Department staff deputed in Railway control offices to liaison with Railway and elephant trackers engaged by Forest Department for timely action by alerting station master and loco pilots.
