

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1813**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023.

**Elevated rail corridors in forest areas**

1813. SHRI MUZIBULLA KHAN:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the wild animals frequently cross and camp at the railway tracks passing through the forest;
- (b) whether special measures are being taken to protect wild animals which frequently cross, come closer to and camp at the railway tracks passing through the forest;
- (c) whether Government plans to create elevated rail corridors in forest areas across the nation to provide safe passage and fool-proof protection to wildlife on the lines of Kapilash Wildlife Sanctuary in Odisha; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) Wild animals may cross railway tracks passing through forest areas while moving around in their natural habitats.
- (b), (c) and (d) In order to reduce the impact of linear infrastructure projects like railway lines on wildlife, the Ministry has developed and mandated the implementation of guidelines named 'Eco-friendly Measures to Mitigate Impacts of Linear Infrastructure on Wildlife'. These guidelines suggest suitable mitigation measures for linear infrastructure projects taking into consideration factors such as terrain, animal behavior patterns, animal migration routes, and other relevant parameters.

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