

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 61
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2023

Contraceptive measures for population control of wild animals

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has launched a project for undertaking immuno contraceptive measures for population management of four species of wild animals i.e. elephant, wild boar, monkey and blue bull (Nilgai);
- (b) if so, the details of such a project including the cost and expenditure; and
- (c) details of achievement so far?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Ministry has approved a project at cost of Rs. 10.65 Crore. to Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun on Population management of species involved in Human wildlife Conflict, which includes study on immune contraceptive measures for population management of four species namely elephant, wild pig, Rhesus macaque and Nilgai.

Under the study ecological and population demographic data like number of individuals to target, time of implementation, target proportions, periodicity, safeguards and monitoring mechanism in wild was collated and modelled. Monitoring of reproductive cycle in wild conditions and population estimation methodologies were standardized. An in-house facility for conducting reproductive control trials in Rhesus macaque and wild pig/small ungulates has been established.
