

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1992
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2024

Project Elephant in Sirmaur district of Himachal Pradesh

1992 MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

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

- (a) whether Government has given approval to the Project Elephant in the Sirmaur district of Himachal Pradesh to safeguard the people from the attacks of the elephants ;
- (b) if so, budget sanctioned for the said project;
- (c) whether there is any plan to control elephants by using honey bees under this project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a)to(d) The Ministry has provided financial assistance of Rs.19.61 lakhs, as per the Annual Plan of Operation submitted by the State of Himachal Pradesh, during the financial year 2023-24, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme- Project Tiger & Elephant (CSS-PT&E) mainly for addressing human-elephant conflict issues in the Sirmaur district of Himachal Pradesh. The proposal, *inter alia*, includes a component for bee keeping training and apiculture in fringe areas with habitation.
