

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1662**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025

**Captive elephants in Arunachal Pradesh**

1662. SHRI SAKET GOKHALE:

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

- (a) the total population of captive elephants in the State of Arunachal Pradesh between January 2019 to December 2024, year-wise;
- (b) the total number of captive elephants in Arunachal Pradesh whose heredity and parentage has been established through DNA testing between January 2019 to December 2024, year-wise; and
- (c) the total number of captive elephants that have been micro-chipped in Arunachal Pradesh between January 2019 to December 2024, year-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) to (c) As per information received from the State of Arunachal Pradesh, the details with regard to total captive elephant population, total number of captive elephants whose heredity and parentage has been established through DNA testing and total number of captive elephants that have been micro-chipped in Arunachal Pradesh between January, 2019 to December, 2024 is enclosed at **Annexure**.

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**ANNEXURE**

**REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1662 RAISED BY SHRI SAKET GOKHALE REGARDING 'CAPTIVE ELEPHANTS IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH' DUE FOR REPLY ON 13.03.2025.**

**Details on captive elephants in Arunachal Pradesh (2019–2024), including DNA testing and microchipping**

Details	Calander year					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total captive elephant population	135	135	135	135	154	201
Captive elephants whose heredity and parentage has been established through DNA testing	-	-	-	-	34	48
Captive elephants that have been micro-chipped	-	-	-	37	05	04

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