

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1492
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.02.2026

Elephant deaths due to electrocutions

1492. SHRI PRAKASH CHIK BARAIK:

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

- (a) whether it is fact that electrocutions is the biggest cause of elephant deaths; and
(b) if so, the year-wise and cause-wise details of elephant deaths since 2020-21?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The details of elephant casualties due to various causes, such as train accident, electrocution, poaching and poisoning, as reported by the State Governments/UTs Administration since 2020-21 to 2024-25 is given below.

Causes	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
Train hit	14	21	15	17	12	79
Electrocution	68	63	100	94	104	429
Poaching	14	4	14	9	14	55
Poisoning	2	6	4	1	4	17
