GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3109
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2026

Attacks by wild animals

3109. DR. V. SIVADASAN:

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

(a) the number of persons killed or injured in attacks by wild animals (including elephants, tigers, leopards and others) in each State and Union Territory, from 2019-20 to 2024-25, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of ex-gratia/compensation provided by Central and State Governments in each of those years, State-wise; and

(c) the number of families/next-of-kin who received such compensation, year-wise and State-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The management of wildlife including mitigation of human-animal conflicts is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration. The State Government/UT Administration are the first responders to any conflict situation and they maintain the details of the conflict along with the species involved. As per the information available with the Ministry, the details of loss of human life from 2019-20 to 2024-25 due to attack by tigers and elephants are provided at **Annexure-I** and **Annexure-II.**

The Ministry provides financial assistance to State/Union Territory Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' for the management of wildlife and its habitats in the country. It includes compensation for depredation by wild animals including cattle lifting, crop damage, loss of life and property. Further, the Ministry enhanced the amount of ex-gratia relief in case of death or permanent incapacitation due to wild animal attacks in December 2023 from Rs. 5 lakhs to 10 lakhs under these Schemes,

subject to availability of funds, and the payment of which is also governed by State specific guidelines/ provisions made in this regard.

S. No.	**Nature of damage caused by wild animals**	**Amount of ex-gratia relief**
i.	Death or permanent incapacitation	Rs.10.00 lakhs
ii.	Grievous injury	Rs.2.00 lakhs
iii.	Minor injury	Cost of treatment up to Rs.25,000/- per person
iv.	Loss of property/crops	State/UT Government may adhere to the cost norms prescribed by them.

The States/Union Territories make ex-gratia payments for loss of livestock, crops and human life including injuries due to human-wildlife conflicts as per the norms, which vary in States and UTs.

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ANNEXURE -I

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3109 due for reply on 19.03.2026 regarding "Attacks by wild animals".

The details of human deaths during 2019-20 to 2024-25 due to tiger attacks, year-wise and State-wise

S. No.	State	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1	Assam	0	0	0	0	3	0
2	Bihar	1	4	9	1	2	4
3	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	3	0	1
4	Karnataka	0	1	1	8	2	0
5	Kerala	2	0	0	2	0	3
6	Madhya Pradesh	11	2	3	10	6	9
7	Maharashtra	25	54	80	37	41	48
8	Rajasthan	0	0	0	0	0	3
9	Tamil Nadu	1	3	0	1	0	0
10	Telangana	2	0	0	0	1	0
11	Uttar Pradesh	4	11	11	25	10	6
12	Uttarakhand	0	1	3	0	5	2
13	West Bengal	5	5	1	1	1	0
		51	**81**	**108**	**88**	**71**	**76**

ANNEXURE -II

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3109 due for reply on 19.03.2026 regarding "Attacks by wild animals".

The details of human deaths during 2019-20 to 2024-25 due to elephant attacks, year-wise and State-wise

S. No.	State	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	Andhra Pradesh	4	6	4	5	6	11
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	2	2	0	0	1
3	Assam	75	91	63	80	74	119
4	Chhattisgarh	77	42	64	69	51	53
5	Jharkhand	84	74	133	96	87	81
6	Karnataka	30	26	27	29	48	36
7	Kerala	12	20	25	22	23	19
8	Maharashtra	1	0	0	2	5	4
9	Meghalaya	4	6	3	3	7	12
10	Nagaland	0	0	0	1	1	0
11	Odisha	117	93	112	148	154	143
12	Tamil Nadu	58	57	37	43	61	52
13	Tripura	2	1	2	2	1	1
14	Uttar Pradesh	6	1	0	4	4	3
15	Uttarakhand	9	13	12	4	8	10
16	West Bengal	116	47	77	97	99	79
	Total	**595**	**479**	**561**	**605**	**629**	**624**

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