

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2932
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.08.2026

Restoration of corridors in Jharkhand and Gujarat

2932. SHRI NATHWANI PARIMAL:

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

- (a) the details of elephant corridors in Jharkhand and lion and leopard movement corridors in Gujarat;
- (b) whether any scientific monitoring using GPS collars, drones or AI-enabled technologies is being undertaken in both the States;
- (c) the number of corridor restoration projects sanctioned during the last five years in both the States; and
- (d) the outcomes thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, in coordination with the State Forest Departments, have identified and validated 150 elephant corridors across 15 elephant range states, including Jharkhand, and informed the State Governments/UT Administrations to take necessary steps to protect and conserve the elephant corridors. The details of the elephant corridors identified and validated in the State of Jharkhand are given in **Annexure-I**.

Studies have shown that lions use natural and semi-natural habitats as movement corridors while dispersing across the landscape. As per a study conducted by the Wildlife Institute of India, 11 major lion corridors have been identified which are at **Annexure-II**. Such connected habitat patches have facilitated the movement of lions beyond the Gir landscape and their establishment in protected areas such as Mitiyala, Paniya and Girnar. Leopards also utilise wildlife corridors identified and secured for other large mammals, such as tigers, lions and elephants, particularly for movement and dispersal between suitable habitats.

(b): The protection and management of wildlife is primarily the responsibility of the State/Union Territory Governments. As per the information received from the Government of Jharkhand, no monitoring using GPS collars is currently being undertaken. However, AI-enabled monitoring and drone-based surveillance have been introduced.

(c) & (d): The Central Government provides financial assistance to State Governments/UTs Administration under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat (IDWH) which includes the component of Project Tiger & Elephant and Development of Wildlife Habitats (CSS-PT&E and DWH) for protection of elephants, lions and leopards, their habitat and corridors, addressing human-wildlife conflict besides welfare of captive elephants in the country.

Restoration works in wildlife habitats including corridors are undertaken as per a statutory Wildlife Management Plan or Tiger Conservation Plan as applicable. The details of fund released under the CSS-PT&E and CSS- DWH to the State of Jharkhand during the last five years, is provided in **Annexure-III**.

Further, the Ministry, in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), has initiated the preparation of Regional Action Plans (RAPs) for Human-Elephant Conflict adopting a landscape-level and multi-State approach, which includes the East-Central Elephant Landscape, comprising the State of Jharkhand. The RAP is envisaged as a five-year action plan with annual implementation targets covering habitat management, capacity building, monitoring and conflict mitigation measures.

ANNEXURE-I

REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2932 RAISED BY SHRI NATHWANI PARIMAL REGARDING 'RESTORATION OF CORRIDORS IN JHARKHAND AND GUJARAT' DUE FOR REPLY ON 13.08.2026.

Elephant corridors identified ground-validated

Sl.No.	Corridors	State
1.	Bhagabilla- Ratnasai Corridor	Jharkhand
2.	Jampani- Bhagabilla Corridor	Jharkhand
3.	Sangajata- Haldipokhar Corridor	Jharkhand
4.	Lepang- Dumuria Corridor	Jharkhand
5.	Ankua- Ambia Corridor	Jharkhand
6.	Raibera- Pulbaburu Corridor	Jharkhand
7.	Dalapani - Suklara Corridor	Jharkhand
8.	Dalma – Chandil Corridor	Jharkhand
9.	Dumariya - Nayagram Corridor	Jharkhand
10.	Silli - Angara	Jharkhand
11.	Bharno – Bero - Kara / Sisai- Karra	Jharkhand
12.	Dalma- asanbani	Jharkhand
13.	Dalma - rugai	Jharkhand
14.	Siyaljora - Dhobadhobin Corridor	Jharkhand
15.	Dalapani - Kankrajhor Corridor	Jharkhand and West Bengal
16.	Anjadbera-Bichaburu	Jharkhand
17.	Dumriya-Kundaluka and Murakanjia	Jharkhand

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Lion Corridors

Sl.No.	Corridors	State
1.	Gir- Girnar Wildlife Sanctuary	Gujarat
2.	Gir Veraval – Sutrapada Corridor	Gujarat
3.	Gir- Kodinar Corridor	Gujarat
4.	Gir Rajula Corridor	Gujarat
5.	Gir Mitiyala Palitana Corridor	Gujarat
6.	Gir Shetrunji Corridor	Gujarat
7.	Palitana Mahua Corridor	Gujarat
8.	Palitana Bhavnagar Corridor	Gujarat
9.	Shetrunji Hingolgadh Corridor	Gujarat
10.	Hingolgadh to Rampara Corridor	Gujarat
11.	Gir Barda Corridor	Gujarat
12.	Gir- Girnar Wildlife Sanctuary	Gujarat
13.	Gir Veraval – Sutrapada Corridor	Gujarat

ANNEXURE-III

REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) & (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2932 RAISED BY SHRI NATHWANI PARIMAL REGARDING 'RESTORATION OF CORRIDORS IN JHARKHAND AND GUJARAT' DUE FOR REPLY ON 13.08.2026.

**Details of funds released to State Government of Gujarat and Jharkhand under CSS-
'Development of Wildlife Habitats' during last five year**

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of State	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	Gujarat	0	200.01	206.99	801.58248	371.54061
2	Jharkhand	79.53315	0	14.91025	71.93619	4.818

Details of funds released to State Government of Jharkhand under CSS-'Project Tiger and Elephant' during last five year

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of State	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24*	2024-25	2025-26
1	Jharkhand	86.682	78.05	405.785	727.556	216.01

*Centrally Sponsored Scheme Project Elephant and Centrally Sponsored Scheme Project Tiger has been merged and now known as Centrally Sponsored Scheme Project Tiger & Elephant