

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1178
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2018

Death of Wildlife

1178. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that the death of wildlife in road accidents has increased alarmingly in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of lose of wildlife on roads and railway tracks during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government intends to set up any App to collect data of lose of wildlife on roads and railway tracks;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the names of NGO working in this field; and
- (e) the steps taken for co-ordial relation between the wildlife and the habitants of the areas?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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- (a)and (b) Cases of occurrence of death of wildlife on roads have come to the notice of this Ministry. Protection of wildlife is the mandate of the concerned State/UT Governments. Information available with the Ministry regarding tiger and elephant death due to road and railways during the last three years is given in the **Annexure**.
- (c)and (d) Currently there is no proposal to set up any App to collect data of loss of wildlife on the road and railway tracks. However, the Wildlife Conservation Trust and Wildlife Trust of India (NGOs) have recently developed Android based mobile applications for use by citizens to record and monitor wildlife mortality.
- (e) The steps taken by for cordial relation between the wildlife and habitants of the areas includes:
 - i. Payment of compensation for loss of life/property/crop damage and cattle lifting due to predation/depredation by wild animals.
 - ii. Capturing and relocation of problematic wild animals by the State Forest Departments.
 - iii. Voluntary relocation of families from the protected Areas.

- iv. Supporting alternate livelihood practices.
- v. Installation of various animal barriers like solar chain link and barbed wire fencing, trenches, walls, live hedges etc.
- vi. Engaging people for monitoring and driving away of problematic animals.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS(a) and (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1178 REGARDING 'DEATH OF WILDLIFE' RAISED BY PROF. SAUGATA ROY DUE FOR REPLY OF 09.02.2018

Details of tiger fatalities reported due to road and rail traffic accidents during last three years :

Year	Road	Rail	Total
2015	1	2	3
2016	2	2	4
2017	1	2	3
Total	4	6	10

Details of elephant casualties in train accidents during last three years

S.No.	State	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
1	Assam	3	3	10
2	West Bengal	3	5	3
3	Tamil Nadu	0	0	2
4	Jharkhand	0	0	2
5	Kerala	0	0	2
6	Odisha	0	1	0
7	Tripura	0	0	NR
8	Uttarakhand	0	0	2
9	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	0
	Total	6	9	21