

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1836**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2018

**Animals Electrocuted**

1836. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that more animals are falling prey to electric lines in farmlands, plantations, around human settlements, etc.;
- (b) if so, the total number of animals electrocuted during the last year and the current year;
- (c) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Centre to the States in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the State Governments for violation, if any, of those guidelines due to which animals fell prey to electric lines?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a)and(b) Reports have been received in the Ministry regarding electrocution of wild animals in various locations in the country. The detail of number of tiger and elephant electrocuted during the last year and the current year, as available with the Ministry, is as below:

Name of species	Year	
	2017-18	2018-19 (as on date)
Tiger	6	1
Elephant	35	NA

- (c)and(d) The Ministry has issued a guideline for Management of Human-Elephant Conflict to all elephant range states for implementation. Further the Chief Wildlife Wardens have been directed to take up the issues with electricity department to prevent sagging of electric transmission lines and maintenance to minimum ground clearance as per the rule. The National Tiger Conservation Authority has also issued an advisory to deal with tiger and sympatric species mortality due to electrocution with *inter alia* has suggested field level and administrative level actions.

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