

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1443
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2018**

ELEPHANTS KILLED IN RAIL ACCIDENTS

**1443. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:
SHRI DHARAM VIRA:
SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of wild life including elephants killed on the railway tracks during the last three years and the current year in the country, zone-wise;**
- (b) whether the Railways have conducted any inquiry in the matter;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to check recurrence of such incidents on the Railway tracks in the country in future?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1443 BY SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM, SHRI DHARAM VIRA AND SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.12.2018 REGARDING ELEPHANTS KILLED IN RAIL ACCIDENTS

(a) The details of wild life including elephants killed on the railway tracks year-wise and zone-wise during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Railway	Year-wise details				
	2015	2016	2017	2018 (upto 30 th November 2018)	Total
East Central	1	0	0	0	1
East Coast	2	0	0	1	3
Northern	1	1	0	3	5
North Eastern	0	0	3	3	6
Northeast Frontier	9	9	10	9	37
Southern	0	4	0	0	4
South Central	0	5	1	1	7
South Eastern	0	5	1	7	13
South East Central	2	3	4	3	12
South Western	0	0	1	3	4
West Central	2	2	4	4	12
Western	2	0	1	0	3
Total	19	29	25	34	107

(b) to (d) In cases of death of wild life/elephants on railway tracks, Zonal Railways investigate the incidences and conduct inquiry wherever necessary. Based on the findings in investigation/enquiry, a number of preventive measures are taken by Zonal Railways in coordination with Ministry of Environment and Forest which include the following:

(i) Imposition of speed restrictions in identified locations,

(ii) Provision of signage board to warn loco pilots about identified elephant corridors,

(iii) Sensitization of Train Crew and Station Masters on a regular basis,

(iv) Need based clearance of vegetation on the sides of the track within railway land,

(v) Construction of underpasses and ramps for the movement of elephants at identified locations,

(vi) Provision of fencing at isolated locations, and,

(vi) Forest Department staff deputed in Railway control offices to liaison with Railway and elephant trackers engaged by forest dept. for timely action by alerting station master and loco pilots.
