

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2384
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH DECEMBER, 2018

USE OF ANIMALS IN ARMY

2384. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether different types of animals are used for various purposes and operations in the Indian army;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which these animals are treated once they are unfit for serving and the kind of arrangement made for feed and veterinary care of these animals; and
- (d) whether it is proposed or proposes to use elephants in the army and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Presently, equines (Horses & Mules) and canines etc. are being used in Indian Army for logistic, training and security related roles.

(c) Ministry of Defence has issued instructions to ensure feeding, veterinary care, maintenance & rehabilitation of old and worn out army animals at “Geriatric Care & Rehabilitation Centres”. Retired army animals are being maintained with dignity and honour at these Centres till their demise due to natural cause or till their adoption by suitable acquiring agencies, viz. centre / state governments / NGOs / shelter homes.

(d) There is no proposal to use Elephants in Indian Army.
