

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2813
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.12.2018

Zoological Parks

2813. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

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

- (a) whether his Ministry keeps track of the total number of elephants kept in human captivity apart from the zoological parks in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether stringent procedural safeguards are in place for rearing elephants in captivity and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether of late there is a discernible upward trend in the sudden deaths of the elephants kept in human custody and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the proactive steps contemplated to save the elephants in captivity?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The details of the captive elephants in the country apart from zoological parks, as reported by the states, are given in **Annexure**.
- (b) The provisions of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and Guidelines for Care and Management of Captive Elephants dated 08.01.2008 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), are in place for safeguard of captive elephants in the country.
- (c) No such trend has been reported by the states.
- (d) The Central Government has issued guidelines for care and management of captive elephants in the country on 08.01.2008. These guidelines have laid down norms for transportation, housing, feed, veterinary care and other norms for care and management of captive elephants in the country. The Elephant Task Force constituted by the MoEF&CC had submitted a report titled 'Gajah', 2010 wherein various measures for welfare of captive elephant in the country was recommended.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2813 RAISED BY SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN REGARDING 'ZOOLOGICAL PARKS' DUE FOR REPLY ON 28.12.2018.

Captive Elephant Population in the country

S.No.	State	Forest Department	Circus	Private Individuals	Temple/Religious Institution	Total	Date as on
1.	Haryana	3	0	0	2	5	19.06.2015
2.	Delhi	0	0	8	0	8	17.06.2015
3.	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	0	0	05.06.2015
4.	Kerala	26	5	496	157	684	30.04.2015
5.	West Bengal	84	24	2	0	112	26.06.2015
6.	Tamil Nadu	49	6	39	42	141	26.06.2015
7.	Odisha	10	0	0	0	21	17.07.2015
8.	Uttarakhand	11	0	8	1	20	20.07.2015
9.	Uttar Pradesh	16	0	63	1	80	03.08.2015
10.	Madhya Pradesh	55	0	2	0	57	15.07.2015
11.	Karnataka	118	4	6	43	193	30.07.2015
12.	Rajasthan	0	0	132	0	132	08.07.2015
13.	Jharkhand	8	0	1	0	9	19.07.2015
14.	Assam	151	0	1053	0	1204	09.07.2015
15.	Puducherry	0	0	0	2	2	03.07.2015
16.	Bihar	1	0	62	0	64	01.07.2015
17.	Meghalaya	1	0	9	0	10	15.07.2015
18.	Punjab	0	0	13	0	17	19.05.2015
19.	Nagaland	1	0	27	0	28	31.08.2015
20.	Gujarat	0	6	0	18	24	14.09.2015
	Total	534	45	1921	266	2811	