

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1902  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.07.2019**

**ANIMALS KILLED IN TRAIN ACCIDENTS**

**1902. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether it is a fact that increasing number of animals, especially elephants have got killed in train accidents over the last three years and the current year;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of different animals killed during the said period; year and State-wise;**

**(c) whether the Government has in consultation with the concerned departments worked out some effective action plan to control such accidents; and**

**(d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(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. 1902 BY SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.07.2019 REGARDING ANIMALS KILLED IN TRAIN ACCIDENTS**

**(a) The details of elephants killed on railway tracks due to train accidents year-wise and zone-wise during the last three years and the current year (upto 20 June, 2019) are as under:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Railway</b>				
<b>East Coast</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Northern</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>North Eastern</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Northeast Frontier</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Southern</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>South Eastern</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>South East Central</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>South Western</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>

**(b) The details of animals/cattle's viz lions, leopard, buffalo, cow etc (other than elephants) killed/run over on railway tracks due to train accidents year-wise and zone-wise during the last three years and the current year (upto 20 June, 2019) are as under:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Railway</b>				
<b>Northern</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>North Central</b>	<b>2283</b>	<b>3818</b>	<b>4826</b>	<b>902</b>
<b>North Eastern</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>1146</b>	<b>442</b>
<b>North Western</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>1222</b>	<b>1476</b>	<b>603</b>
<b>South Central</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>South East Central</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>South Western</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Western Railway</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>West Central</b>	<b>2974</b>	<b>4589</b>	<b>3926</b>	<b>1259</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7945</b>	<b>11683</b>	<b>12625</b>	<b>3479</b>

**(c) & (d) An action plan has been worked out by Zonal Railways in coordination with Ministry of Environment and Forest to curb the death of animals and elephants while crossing railway track which include the following:**

**(i) Imposition of speed restrictions in identified locations,**

**(ii) Provision of signage board,**

**(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,**

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

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