

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4476
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2019

Population of Elephants

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

- (a) the population of elephants in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the total number of captive elephants owned by private individuals or religious institutions;
- (c) whether these captive elephants are covered by public liability insurance scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the response of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

- (a) The State-wise details of elephant population in the country as per the last synchronized elephant estimation conducted in 2017 are given in **Annexure**.
- (b) The total number of captive elephants owned by private individuals and religious institutions are 1774.
- (c) No sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) There is no provision in the Wildlife (Protection) act, 1972 regarding public liability insurance scheme for captive elephants.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4476 RAISED BY KUMARI AGATHA K. SANGAMA REGARDING 'POPULATION OF ELEPHANTS' DUE FOR REPLY ON 19.07.2019.

Population Estimation of Elephants in India, 2017

REGION	STATE	ELEPHANT POPULATION
North-East	Arunachal Pradesh	1614
	Assam	5719
	Meghalaya	1754
	Tripura	102*
	Nagaland	446*
	West Bengal (North Region)	488
	Manipur	9
	Mizoram	7
		10,139
East Central Region	Odisha	1976
	Jharkhand	679
	Chhattisgarh	247
	Bihar	25
	Madhya Pradesh	7
	West Bengal (South Region)	194
		3128
North West Region	Uttarakhand	1839
	Uttar Pradesh	232
	Haryana	7
	Himachal	7
		2085
South Region	Karnataka	6049
	Kerala	5706*
	Maharashtra	6
	Andhra Pradesh	65
	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	25*
	Tamil Nadu	2761
		14612
GRAND TOTAL		29964

The total census figures for West Bengal is 682 (North Bengal (488) + South Bengal(194)).

* Results are based on indirect (dung) count method as direct counts could not be carried out as informed by State & UTs like Kerala, Nagaland, Tripura and A&N Islands.