

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2062
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2022

Elephant Reserves

2062. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

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

- (a) the details of the total number of Elephant Reserves in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether Elephant Reserves are not recognized under any law, if so, whether the Government plans to amend the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 or the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, thereby promising greater standards of protection of elephant habitat and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government plans on restricting destructive activities such as mining, and oil and gas drilling within Elephant Reserves, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of budgetary allocation during the last three years for Project Elephant and whether the budget serves an effective purpose for the protection of elephants?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) The State-wise details of Elephant Reserves in the country are enclosed as Annexure.
- (b)&(c) Elephant Reserves overlap with Tiger Reserves, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Reserved Forests which are protected under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Indian Forest Act, 1927 and other State local Acts. The activities are regulated as per existing Acts, Rules and Guidelines.
- (d) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Project Elephant' (CSS-PE) is helpful in protection and conservation of elephants. The budgetary allocations to the CSS-PE in the last three years are as follows:

	Rs. In Lakhs			
Project Elephant	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Budget Estimate	3000.00	3500.00	3300.00	3500.00
Revised Estimate	3304.00	2500.00	3200.00	3200.00

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2062 RAISED BY SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY REGARDING 'ELEPHANT RESERVES' DUE FOR REPLY ON 19.12.2022.

ELEPHANT RESERVES IN INDIA

Sl. No	Elephant Range	Name of Elephant Reserve	State
I	Eastern India (South West Bengal- Jharkhand-Orissa)	1. Mayurjharna ER	West Bengal
		2. Singhbhum ER	Jharkhand
		3. Mayurbhanj ER	Orissa
		4. Mahanadi ER	Orissa
		5. Sambalpur ER	Orissa
		6. Badalkhol-Tamorpingla	Chhattisgarh
		7. Lemru Elephant Reserve	Chhattisgarh
II	North Brahmaputra (Arunachal – Assam)	8. Kameng ER	Arunachal
		9. Sonitpur ER	Assam
III	South Brahmaputra (Assam- Arunachal)	10. Dihing-Patkai ER	Assam
		11. South Arunachal ER	Arunachal Pradesh
IV	Kaziranga (Assam- Nagaland)	12. Kaziranga – Karbi Anglong ER	Assam
		13. Dhansiri-Lungding ER	Assam
		14. Intanki ER	Nagaland
		15. Singphan ER	Nagaland
V	Eastern Dooars (Assam- W. Bengal)	16. Chirang-Ripu ER	Assam
		17. Eastern Dooars ER	W. Bengal
VI	E. Himalayas (Meghalaya)	18. Garo Hills ER	Meghalaya
VII	Nilgiri –Eastern Ghat (Karnataka- Kerala- Tamilnadu-Andhra)	19. Mysore ER	Karnataka
		20. Dandeli ER	Karnataka
		21. Wayanad ER	Kerala
		22. Nilgiri ER	Tamil Nadu
		23. Rayala ER	Andhra
VIII	South Nilgiri (Kerala- Tamilnadu)	24. Nilambur ER	Kerala
		25. Coimbatore ER	Tamil Nadu
IX	Western Ghat (Tamilnadu- Kerala)	26. Anamalai ER	Tamil Nadu
		27. Anamudi ER	Kerala
		28. Agasthyamalai ER	Tamil Nadu
X	Periyar (Kerala- Tamilnadu)	29. Periyar	Kerala
		30. Srivilliputtur ER	Tamil Nadu
XI	Northern India (Uttaranchal-U.P.)	31. Shivalik ER	Uttarakhand
		32. Uttar Pradesh ER	Uttar Pradesh
