GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5210 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.04.2023

Relocation of Elephants

5210. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:

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

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the unresolved dispute of wild elephant attack in Sakaleshpura, Alur and Belur taluks of Hassan district where over seventy five people lost life during the last ten years and wild tuskers recurrently damaging property of the people if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to double the solatium of the person who loss life due to elephant attack;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to relocate the elephants in this area, if so, the details of the elephants relocated so far along with the details of number of elephants in Sakaleshpura, Alur and Belur forest area; and
- (d) whether the Government is aware of increasing leopard attack in various places of the State, if so, the details of death due leopard attacks?

ANSWER

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

(a)to(d) As per the information received from the State of Karnataka, forty-two (42) human casualties have been reported in the past 10 years due to elephant attack. The Government of Karnataka has doubled the Compensation from 7.50 Lakhs to 15.00 Lakhs, to the legal heir of the person died by wild animal attack, vide order dated 15.12.2022. The Government of Karnataka has captured and translocated thirty-four (34) problematic elephants from Hassan districtin the past 10 years. As per the information received from the State of Karnataka, the details of human casualties due to leopard attack in the last three years are as follows:

Sl.No	Year	District	No. of cases
1	2019-20	Tumkur	04
2	2020-21	Ramanagara	02
		Tumkur	02
		Koppal	02
3	2021-22	-	-
4	2022-23	Mysuru (T)	04
		Davangere	01
Total			15