

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1315
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2023

Project Elephant

1315. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

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

- (a) whether the Government under the “Project Elephant” scheme has promoted and supplied usage of technology to mitigate human elephant conflict in the border regions of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is taking measures to increase the usage of the 110 identified elephant corridors in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a)&(b) The Government under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme-Project Elephant (CSS-PE) has provided Rs.4.0 Lakhs in the year 2020-21 and Rs. 3.50 Lakhs in the year 2021-22, to State of Andhra Pradesh, for procurement of drones to track the movement of elephants. Further, the states are also supported for various conservation and management interventions involving scientific and technological inputs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme-Project Tiger & Elephant (CSS-PT&E).
- (c)to(e) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, in coordination with the State Forest Departments, have ground-validated 150 elephant corridors across 15 elephant range states in India and informed the State Governments/UT Administrations to take necessary steps to protect and conserve the elephant corridors.
