

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3943**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021

**Damage Caused by Wild Animals**

3943. SHRI A. RAJA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received complaints regarding elephants and other wild animals, damaging tea plantations and causing injuries to inhabitants in Gudalur-Mudumalai Forest area in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Forest Department to protect the local people and their tea plantations;
- (c) the amount released from CAMPA funds for augmentation of fodder and water in and around the said area in order to restrict wild animals in forest areas;
- (d) the financial assistance provided along with the compensation to be given affected people of Tamil Nadu for damage caused by wild animals during the last three years; and
- (e) the details of amount spent under the Project Elephant scheme in the said area?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) and (b) As per information received from the Government of Tamil Nadu, complaints have been received regarding elephants and other wild animals damaging tea plantations and causing injuries to inhabitants in Gudalur area in Tamil Nadu.

The Tamil Nadu State Forest Department has created *Whats App* group namely '*Thadam*' involving public for quick receipt of complaints and taking urgent action on the complaints. Further, to strengthen the institutional as well as the individual capabilities to deal with various conflict driven crisis situation in vulnerable areas, a special team namely Rapid Response Team (RRT) has been constituted in Gudalur and the victim families are paid necessary compensation as per State Government norms.

Additionally, as a preventive measure, special teams are monitoring the situation round the clock and Elephant proof trenches have also been created at requisite places to prevent entry of wild elephants and the public are alerted through SMS, early warning system, etc.

(c) As per the information received from the Government of Tamil Nadu, an amount of Rs.686.712 lakhs has been approved by the National Authority of CAMPA for carrying out forestry and wildlife management works including augmentation of fodder and water in Gudalur- Mudumalai and surrounding areas.

(d) As informed by Government of Tamil Nadu, the financial assistance provided along with the compensation to affected people for damages caused by wild animals during last three years is given below:

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in Lakhs)
2018-19	463.074
2019-20	797.497
2020-21 (as on 26.02.2021)	60.773

(e) As informed by Government of Tamil Nadu, the details of amount spent under the Project Elephant scheme in the said area are given below:

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in Lakhs)
2018-19	27.19
2019-20	15.126

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