

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 127
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2022**

DEATHS OF ELEPHANTS ON TRACKS

127. SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is cognizant of the deficiencies in the provision of Elephant Passages in Indian Railways as presented in the CAG Report No.5 of 2021;

(b) if so, whether the Railways has taken steps towards implementing any of the suggestions detailed by the CAG in the report to bridge these deficiencies for preventing Elephant deaths on rail tracks;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 127 BY SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.02.2022 REGARDING DEATHS OF ELEPHANTS ON TRACKS

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Railways have already taken steps to prevent the deaths of elephant on railway tracks in line with recommendations made in Comptroller and Auditor General of India report no. 5 of 2021.

A Permanent Co-ordination Committee has been constituted between Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for preventing elephant death in train accidents. Steps taken by Railways in coordination with Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to prevent accidental death of elephants due to train hits are as follows:

- (i) Imposition of speed restrictions in identified vulnerable locations.**
- (ii) Providing signage boards at suitable points to alert train drivers about elephant presence.**
- (iii) Sensitization of Train Crew and Station Masters on a regular basis.**
- (iv) Clearing of vegetation along railway tracks to allow unhindered and clear view for train drivers.**
- (v) Provision of fencing at selected locations.**
- (vi) Avoid dumping of food waste along railway track to avoid unnecessary congregation of elephants and other wild animals near railway track.**
- (vii) Installation of innovative Honey bee sound systems at locations, which are prone to crossing of elephants.**
