

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION No. \*106**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2022

**Elephant Corridors in Odisha**

\*106. MS CHANDRANI MURMU:

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

- (a) the number of minor and major Elephant Corridors around mining areas in the country including Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj and Sundergarh districts in Odisha; and
- (b) the effect of mining on these Corridors and the details of precautionary steps taken by the Government for the safety of these Corridors around mining areas?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**  
**(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)**

(a) to (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*106 REGARDING 'ELEPHANT CORRIDORS IN ODISHA' DUE FOR REPLY ON 25.07.2022**

- (a) The Elephant Task Force Report, 2010 titled 'Gajah' has identified 27 priority I and 61 priority II elephant corridors in the country including Odisha. The details are given in **Annexure**.
- (b) The management of wildlife habitats including elephant corridors is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/UT Administrations. In case forest land falling in any wildlife habitat is diverted for mining or any other developmental use, Wildlife Management Plan and/or wildlife mitigation plan are prepared and implemented by the respective State Government, and protection and conservation measures are also taken accordingly.

In addition, the following measures taken by Ministry also help in protecting elephant corridors:-

- (i) The Ministry provides financial and technical assistance to States/UTs under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes 'Project Elephant' for protection and conservation of elephants and their habitats in the country.
- (ii) The report "Gajah" of the Elephant Task Force constituted by the Ministry have identified critical elephant corridors in the country and suggested the following points for securing the elephant corridors.
- a. Creation of Community or Conservation Reserve,
  - b. Declaring the corridor as high priority Ecologically Sensitive, Area under Environment Protection Act 1986 with maximum regulation of ecologically destructive activity,
  - c. Declaring corridor land as Reserved Forest or Protected Forest under Indian Forest Act,
  - d. Community forests under the Forest Rights Act,
  - e. Increase boundary of existing Protected Area and make corridor part of the existing Protected Area.
- (iii) The Ministry had requested the State Governments/UT Administrations to assess the feasibility of protecting elephant corridors.
- (iv) Critical elephant habitats are notified as 'Elephant Reserve' for focus and synergy in elephant conservation and to reduce conflict. The notification is carried out with the approval of Steering Committee formed in the Ministry. So far 31 Elephant Reserves have been established in 14 major elephant States. Approval has been accorded for notification of 32<sup>nd</sup> Elephant Reserve in the State of Tamil Nadu.
- (v) Report on Land-Use and Land- Cover Classification of Elephant Reserves in Odisha has been prepared by the Ministry and forwarded to the State on 13th January, 2022.

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**ANNEXURE****ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 106 RAISED BY MS CHANDRANI MURMU REGARDING 'ELEPHANT CORRIDORS IN ODISHA' DUE FOR REPLY ON 25.07.2022.****Elephant Corridors identified by Elephant Task Force "Gajah"**

<b>Priority I Elephant Corridors</b>		<b>Priority II Elephant Corridors</b>	
<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Elephant Corridor</b>	<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Elephant Corridor</b>
1.	Chilla-Motichur	1.	Kansrau-Barkote
2.	Rawasan-Sonanadi (Via Landsdown)	2.	Motichur-Gohri
3.	South Patlidun-Chilkiya	3.	Rawasan-Sonanadi (Via Bijnor FD)
4.	Malani Kota	4.	Chilkiya-kota
5.	Simlipal-Satkosia	5.	Fatehpur-Gadgadiya
6.	Baula-Kuldhia	6.	Gora Rankhu and Gorai-Tanda
7.	Kotgarh-Chandrapur	7.	Kilpura-khatima-surai
8.	Buxa-Ripu at Sankosh	8.	Lagga Bagga - Kishenpur
9.	Ankua-Ambia	9.	Mahilong-Kalimati
10.	Pakke-Doimara at Dezling	10.	Chandil-Matha
11.	Pakke-Papum at Longka Nullah	11.	Dalma-Chandil
12.	Kalapahar-Daigurung	12.	Dalma-Rugai
13.	Kaziranga- Karbi Anglog at Panbari	13.	Jhunjhaka-Banduan
14.	Kaziranga- Karbi Anglong at Kanchanjuri	14.	Dalapani-Kankrajhor
15.	Pakke-Doimara at Tipi	15.	Dumriya-Nayagram
16.	Baghmara-Balpakram	16.	Dumriya-Kundaluka and Murakanjia
17.	Siju Rewak	17.	Leda-Bera
18.	Edayarhalli-Doddasampige	18.	Anjadbera-Bichaburu
19.	Kaniyanpura-Moyar	19.	Karo-Karampada
20.	Anaimali at Punachi	20.	Badampahar-Dhobadhobil
21.	Anaimalai between Siluvaimedu-Kadamparai	21.	Badampahar-Karida East
22.	Chamranagar-Talamalai at Muddahalli	22.	Kahnejena-Anantpur
23.	Kalamali - Singara and Avarahalla	23.	Tal-Kholgarh
24.	Moyar-Avarahalla	24.	Nuahgaon-Baruni
25.	Tirunelli - Kudrakote	25.	Mahananda-Kolbari and Tukriajhar
26.	Buoolavampatti-Attapadi	26.	Apalchand-Mahananda
27.	Anaimalai at Waterfalls Estate	27.	Apalchand-Gorumara
		28.	Apalchand-Kalimpong at mal block (Via Sylee)
		29.	Apalchand-Kalimpong at mal block (Via Meenglass)
		30.	Chapramari-Kalimpong

		31.	Rethi-Central Diana
		32.	Rethi-Moraghat
		33.	Dumchi-Rethi
		34.	Titi-Dumchi
		35.	Buxa- Titi (Via Torsa)
		36.	Buxa- Titi (Via Beech and Barnbari)
		37.	Nemati - Chilapata
		38.	Pakke-Papum at Seijosa Nullah
		39.	Durpong-Doimukh at Khundakuwa
		40.	Dulung-Subansari
		41.	D'ering - Mebo at Sigar Nalah
		42.	D'ering - Mebo at Kongkul
		43.	Kotha Burhidihing
		44.	Upper Dihing East - Upper Dihing West Block at Bogapani
		45.	Upper Dihing East - Upper Dihing West Block Between Golai-Pawai
		46.	Kukurakata-Bagser at Amguri
		47.	Charduar-Singri Hill
		48.	Saipunj-Narpuh
		49.	Rewak-Imangiri
		50.	Nokrek-Imangiri
		51.	Ranggira-Nokrek
		52.	Karadikkal-Madeswara
		53.	Tali
		54.	Chamrajnagar- Talamalai at Punjur
		55.	Talamalai-Guttiyalattur
		56.	Avarahalla-Sigur
		57.	Kalhatti-Sigur at Glen Corin
		58.	Nilambur Kovilakam - New Amarambalam
		59.	Periya at Pakranthalam
		60.	Kottiyur-Periya
		61.	Kallar at Gandhapallayam

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