

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1173
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2022

Elephant Reserves in Odisha

1173. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

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

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal for the expansion of the existing two Elephant Reserves in the State of Odisha;
- (b) if so, whether the Asian Nature Conservation Federation (ANCF) has suggested that there is a need for the expansion of both the Sambalpur Elephant Reserve and the Mahanadi Elephant Reserve area;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has examined such suggestions; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government in that direction?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (d) The State of Odisha has three Elephant Reserves, namely, Mahanadi Elephant Reserve, Sambalpur Elephant Reserve and Mayurbhanj Elephant Reserve. The Asian Nature Conservation Foundation (ANCF) has suggested for the expansion of both the Sambalpur Elephant Reserve and the Mahanadi Elephant Reserve for long term survival and conservation of elephant population in Odisha. No proposal has been received by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change for expansion of Mahanadi and Sambalpur Elephant Reserves from Government of Odisha in this regard.
