

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3669**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025

**Human-Elephant Conflict**

3669. SHRI SHREYAS M PATEL:

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

- (a) the data of human-elephant conflict and fatalities in Karnataka especially in Hassan District during the last five years;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted or supported any scientific assessment of the elephant population growth in the said district and if so, the details thereof along with the current estimated population of the elephants in the said district;
- (c) whether any data has been maintained on the extent of crop loss and economic damage due to elephant raids in this region and if so, the details thereof along with compensation provided to the affected farmers;
- (d) whether the Government is considering inter-state translocation of elephants from human-dominated areas like Hassan to reduce conflict;
- (e) whether the Government has considered allocating a dedicated Elephant Corridor Grant or extending support under any existing scheme to establish safe and uninterrupted corridors for elephant movement in these regions, if so, the details thereof and the timeline for its implementation; and
- (f) whether the Government plans to assist Karnataka in creating ideal elephant habitats within forest reserves by enhancing water sources, planting fodder trees, and regenerating bamboo to prevent elephants from entering human settlements and if not, the reasons therefor and whether the Government will consider taking urgent steps in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a)to(f) As per the information received from the State of Karnataka, the detail of human fatalities due to elephant attack in the State of Karnataka and Hassan District during the last five years is as under:

Year	No. of human deaths in Hassan	No. of Human deaths in Karnataka
2020-21	5	26
2021-22	5	28
2022-23	4	32
2023-24	4	48
2024-25	6	36

The detail of damage to crops due to elephant raids and the compensation paid in Hassan District, as per the information received from the State of Karnataka, is given below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Crop damage due to elephants</b>	<b>Compensation paid</b>
2022-23	4,285	₹ 2,97,38,199
2023-24	3,641	₹ 4,07,82,804
2024-25	3,015	₹ 3,80,30,188

The management of wildlife including mitigation and management of human-elephant conflict (HEC) is primarily the responsibility of State Government/UT Administration. The State Forest Departments work with the local people to address the HEC issues through periodic awareness campaigns to sensitize, guide and advise the general public on human-animal conflict including dissemination of information through various forms of media. Further, State Forest Departments engage with local communities to prevent damage or loss of human life, property and elephants. Further, the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 provides regulatory functions for dealing with human-wildlife situations.

To reduce human-elephant conflict, compensation is provided to people for loss of their property and life caused by wild elephants. In addition, the Central Government also provides financial assistance to State Governments/UTs Administration under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme Project Tiger & Elephant (CSS-PT&E) for protection of elephants, their habitat and corridors, to address issues of human-elephant conflict and welfare of captive elephants in the country.

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 (i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal) in India and informed the State Governments/UT Administrations to take necessary steps to protect and conserve the elephant corridors.

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