

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 238
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2015

Elephant Corridor

238. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

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

- (a) the details of Elephant Sanctuaries/ Elephant Corridor/Roaming areas in the country and the measures taken by the Government to ensure a safe passage in these areas, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is an increase in the incidents of heavy destruction of crops and houses and trampling/crushing/injuring of the people by the elephants in some areas in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof State-wise including Chhattisgarh;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to create new elephant corridors/roaming areas/sanctuaries in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of these projects, State-wise including Chhattisgarh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

- (a) State-wise details of 'Elephant Reserves' and 'Elephant Corridors' in the country are given in Annexure-I. Measures taken to ensure safe passage of elephants in these areas are given below:
 - (i) Financial and technical assistance is provided to 16 elephant range states under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Project Elephant'.
 - (ii) Regular and extensive patrolling of forest areas and anti poaching measures by frontline field staff of the State Forest Department.
 - (iii) Trainings and awareness camps are organised regularly for local people for conservation of elephants and other wildlife.
 - (iv) Habitat improvement and eco-restoration is taken up in critical areas of elephant reserves and corridors.
- (b) & (c) A definite increasing trend in incidents of destruction of crops/properties and injury/death of people could not be established. State-wise details of damages, due to elephant depredation, during last 3 years, are given in Annexure II.
- (d) & (e) There is no proposal, at present, to create new elephant reserves and corridors in the country.

ANNEXURE -I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 238 RAISED BY SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE REGARDING 'ELEPHANT CORRIDOR' DUE FOR REPLY ON 01.12.2015.

Elephant Reserves and Corridors in the Country

Landscape	State	Number of Elephant Reserves	Number of Elephant Corridors
North-Eastern	Arunachal Pradesh	2	
	Assam	5	
	Meghalaya	1	
	Nagaland	1	
	Tripura	0	
Subtotal		9	22
Central	West Bengal	2	
	Jharkhand	1	
	Orissa	3	
	Chhattisgarh	1	
Subtotal		7	34
North Western	Uttarakhand	1	
	Uttar Pradesh	1	
Subtotal		2	12
Southern	Tamil Nadu	4	
	Karnataka	2	
	Kerala	4	
	Andhra Pradesh	1	
Subtotal		11	20
GRAND TOTAL		29	88

ANNEXURE -II (A)

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) & (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 238 RAISED BY SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE REGARDING 'ELEPHANT CORRIDOR' DUE FOR REPLY ON 01.12.2015.

Number of Human Casualties Caused by Elephant Depredation during last 3 years

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Andhra Pradesh	1	2	2
Arunachal Pradesh	0	7	Information not received from state
Assam	79	87	54
Chhattisgarh	22	23	32
Jharkhand	60	56	53
Karnataka	37	33	38
Kerala	13	7	20
Maharashtra	0	0	3
Meghalaya	1	10	3
Nagaland	0	0	1
Odisha	83	67	64
Tamil Nadu	50	52	31
Tripura	0	0	1
Uttar Pradesh	0	Information not received	
Uttarakhand	7	Information not received	
West Bengal	69	69	89
	422	413	391

ANNEXURE -II (B)

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Compensation Paid for Loss Crops/Properties due to Damages Caused by Elephant Depredation during last 3 years

Rs. in Lakhs

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Andhra Pradesh	3.70	16.88	52.32
Arunachal Pradesh	0	35.26	Information not received from state
Assam	66.87	49.01	1.61
Chhattisgarh	226.72	345.83	269.63
Jharkhand	120.19	275.61	501.57
Karnataka	1308.83	993.81	1239.38
Kerala	308.54	124.82	264.59
Maharashtra	86.83	118.8	123.43
Meghalaya	60.00	71.49	14.95
Nagaland	9.00	5.15	4.60
Orissa	800.52	983.21	979.70
Tamil Nadu	1658 (No. of incidents)	979 (No. of incidents)	2258 (No. of incidents)
Tripura	0	0	0.91
Uttar Pradesh	3.24	Information not received from state	
Uttarakhand	0	Information not received from state	
West Bengal	410.42	9.46	Information not received
	3404.86	3029.33	3452.69