

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3722
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2015

Movement of Elephants

3722. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that cross border movements of elephants along Indo-Bangla border affects their genetic stock;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to lay a route to ensure that elephants go across the international boundary with ease;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

- (a) & (b) Yes Sir. The cross border movement of elephants across India-Bangladesh borders takes place along the international boundaries, in the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and West Bengal.
- (c) During the 'First Indo-Bangladesh Dialogue on Trans-boundary Conservation of Elephants' held on 19-20, August, 2015 at Kolkata, it was recommended to facilitate natural migration of elephants between two countries through identified elephant corridors.
- (d) & (e) The above proposal, after inter-ministerial consultations, will be placed before the Government of Bangladesh for consideration.
