

**Environment Supplement Plan**

1529. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Environment Supplement Plan has come into force;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when it is likely to be legally enforced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer at (a) above.

(c) A draft Notification was published on 10-5-2016 inviting comments from public and the period for giving comments ended on 09-07-2016. The Ministry has not finalized the Notification. A precise time frame for completion of this exercise cannot be indicated at this stage in view of the large number of suggestions received and processes involved.

**Death of elephants in Tamil Nadu**

1530. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that, in a span of just one month, around 7 elephants have died in Coimbatore and Nilgiris districts of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to study the causes of such frequent deaths of elephants in the region; and
- (c) the schemes/measures taken by Government, so far, in reducing the unnatural deaths of wildlife such as elephants in the region as well as for reducing the man animal conflicts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE): (a) As per information received from State Government, six elephants have died in Coimbatore and Nilgiris districts of Tamil Nadu between 20.06.2016 to 06.07.2016.

(b) The causes of elephant deaths in the region are natural deaths, train accidents, road accidents and bodily injuries.