

Project Elephant

804. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Project Elephant is being poorly funded and has minimal staff;
- (b) if so, the State/UT-wise details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) if not, the details of funds allocated, released and utilised along with the staff deployed per elephant for conservation during last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the deaths of elephants during the above period along with the causes of their deaths, State/UT-wise;
- (e) the deaths of humans due to the human-elephant conflicts during the above period, State/UT-wise; and
- (f) whether Government has issued any guidelines for managing human-elephant conflict, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The State-wise details of funds allocated, released and utilized under the scheme Project Elephant during last three years are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).
- (d) The death of elephant due to various reasons like train accident, electrocution, poaching and poisoning during the last three years, State-wise, is given in Statement-II, III, IV and V respectively (*See* below).
- (e) The details of human deaths due to human-elephant conflict during the last three years, State-wise, is given in the Statement-VI (*See* below).
- (f) Yes, Sir. The Ministry *vide* letter dated 6.0.2017 has issued a detailed Guidelines for Management of Human-Elephant Conflict to all the elephant range States for implementation.

Statement-I

Details of the fund allocated, released and utilized by the State Government during the year 2015-16 to 2017-18

		(₹ in lakhs)		
Sl.No.	States	Allocated	Released	Utilized
2015-16				
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11.02	0.00	0.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	70.64	61.206	61.206
3.	Assam	282.11	0.00	0.00
4.	Chhattisgarh	29.46	21.91	21.19
5.	Jharkhand	79.75	53.453	37.7254
6.	Karnataka	230.32	181.054	178.65
7.	Kerala	254.71	204.54	204.54
8.	Maharashtra	9.08	8.062	8.062
9.	Meghalaya	88.30	81.387	81.387
10.	Nagaland	12.92	15.44	15.44
11.	Odisha	128.04	105.63	105.63
12.	Tamil Nadu	184.45	160.533	127.979
13.	Tripura	4.31	26.10932	23.60932
14.	Uttar Pradesh	22.67	15.33	9.206
15.	Uttarakhand	102.21	82.61	82.51
16.	West Bengal	74.09	105.174	85.49631
17.	Rajasthan	6.76	0.00	0.00
18.	Bihar	5.64	3.008	3.008
19.	Punjab	0.97	0.00	0.00
20.	Gujarat	2.42	0.00	0.00
21.	Haryana	1.61	10.00	10.00
22.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	8.53	0.00	0.00
23.	Manipur	0.00	0.00	0.00
24.	Madhya Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL		1610.01	1135.44632	1055.63903

Sl.No.	States	Allocated	Released	Utilized
2016-17				
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12.50	13.62282	13.62282
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	100.06	100.062	97.902
3.	Assam	405.07	275.6668	0.00
4.	Chhattisgarh	77.35	61.1624	61.1624
5.	Jharkhand	111.50	95.7704	76.6184
6.	Karnataka	334.87	254.80	238.97
7.	Kerala	390.79	429.8712	429.8712
8.	Maharashtra	13.15	14.335	14.335
9.	Meghalaya	130.27	130.266	130.266
10.	Nagaland	20.52	20.3143	20.3143
11.	Odisha	198.34	284.0342	246.02
12.	Tamil Nadu	275.96	25.80	25.80
13.	Tripura	10.76	22.464	18.144
14.	Uttar Pradesh	30.45	14.174	13.454
15.	Uttarakhand	146.30	175.4576	166.5246
16.	West Bengal	112.09	101.45	101.02
17.	Rajasthan	14.41	15.84	9.78
18.	Bihar	6.98	16.2904	16.2904
19.	Punjab	1.86	1.825	0.00
20.	Gujarat	0.00	0.00	0.00
21.	Haryana	0.55	0.00	0.00
22.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0.00	0.00	0.00
23.	Manipur	0.00	0.00	0.00
24.	Madhya Pradesh	6.22	6.8442	0.00
TOTAL		2400.00	2060.05032	1680.0951
2017-18				
1.	Andhra Pradesh	17.40	17.394	17.394
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	123.49	118.8504	107.3726
3.	Assam	483.03	0.00	261.37183
				(2016-17 amount revalidated)

Sl.No.	States	Allocated	Released	Utilized
4.	Chhattisgarh	38.06	48.00	48.00
5.	Jharkhand	126.04	105.5184	97.614
6.	Karnataka	379.45	355.5484	355.5484
7.	Kerala	453.14	482.55	431.44
8.	Maharashtra	9.46	27.00	27.00
9.	Meghalaya	142.98	162.849	162.849
10.	Nagaland	22.71	25.20	25.20
11.	Odisha	210.23	124.8382	124.8382
12.	Tamil Nadu	284.76	291.92	281.534
13.	Tripura	12.15	10.08	5.76
14.	Uttar Pradesh	33.28	30.672	13.98
15.	Uttarakhand	164.68	341.563	341.563
16.	West Bengal	100.75	79.93022	73.31822
17.	Rajasthan	20.51	14.454	13.544
18.	Bihar	11.24	154.40	130.88
19.	Punjab	2.62	0.00	0.00
20.	Gujarat	0.00	0.00	0.00
21.	Haryana	5.19	17.76	15.105
22.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0.00	0.00	0.00
23.	Manipur	0.06	10.80	6.48
24.	Madhya Pradesh	8.86	0.00	0.00
TOTAL		2650.06	2419.327	2540.79225

Statement-II

Details of elephant casualties in train accidents from 2015-16 to 2017-18

Sl.No.	State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1.	Assam	3	10	14
2.	West Bengal	5	3	2
3.	Tamil Nadu	0	2	0
4.	Jharkhand	0	2	0
5.	Kerala	0	2	0

Sl.No.	State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
6.	Odisha	1	0	2
7.	Tripura	0	0	0
8.	Uttarakhand	0	2	NR
9.	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	0
10.	Karnataka	0	0	1
TOTAL		9	21	19

Statement-III*Details of elephant casualties by electrocution from 2015-16 to 2017-18*

Sl.No.	State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2	1	0
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	NR	NR
3.	Assam	3	10	24
4.	Chhattisgarh	5	3	2
5.	Jharkhand	0	0	1
6.	Karnataka	8	6	10
7.	Kerala	1	5	4
8.	Maharashtra	0	0	0
9.	Meghalaya	0	1	3
10.	Nagaland	0	0	0
11.	Odisha	14	6	9
12.	Tamil Nadu	8	7	11
13.	Tripura	0	0	0
14.	Uttar Pradesh	0	3	0
15.	Uttarakhand	1	4	NR
16.	West Bengal	15	9	2
TOTAL		57	55	66

Statement-IV*Details of elephant casualties by poaching from 2015-16 to 2017-18*

Sl.No	State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0	0	0
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	NR	NR
3.	Assam	2	0	5
4.	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0
5.	Jharkhand	0	0	2
6.	Karnataka	7	4	0
7.	Kerala	16	2	0
8.	Maharashtra	0	0	0
9.	Meghalaya	1	1	0
10.	Nagaland	4	0	1
11.	Odisha	2	2	2
12.	Tamil Nadu	0	1	0
13.	Tripura	0	0	0
14.	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	0
15.	Uttarakhand	0	0	NR
16.	West Bengal	1	1	0
TOTAL		33	11	10

Statement-V*Details of elephant casualties by poisoning from 2015-16 to 2017-18*

Sl.No.	State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1	0	0
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	NR	NR
3.	Assam	1	2	8
4.	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0
5.	Jharkhand	2	0	0
6.	Karnataka	0	0	1
7.	Kerala	1	0	0
8.	Maharashtra	0	0	0

Sl.No.	State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
9.	Meghalaya	0	0	0
10.	Nagaland	0	0	0
11.	Odisha	0	0	1
12.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0
13.	Tripura	0	0	0
14.	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	0
15.	Uttarakhand	0	0	NR
16.	West Bengal	0	0	0
TOTAL		5	2	10

Statement-VI*Details of human deaths caused by elephant from 2015-16 to 2018-2019*

Sl.No.	State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0	2	6
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	NR	NR
3.	Assam	31	91	72
4.	Chhattisgarh	53	74	74
5.	Jharkhand	66	59	84
6.	Karnataka	47	49	22
7.	Kerala	6	33	15
8.	Maharashtra	1	0	0
9.	Meghalaya	6	5	7
10.	Nagaland	1	1	0
11.	Odisha	89	66	105
12.	Tamil Nadu	49	43	49
13.	Tripura	0	2	0
14.	Uttar Pradesh	0	3	1
15.	Uttarakhand	7	4	NR
16.	West Bengal	112	84	66
TOTAL		469	516	501