

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 791
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019

Human animal conflict

791. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH:

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

- (a) the details regarding rate of decrease in the population of animals and increasing rate of human animal clashes, especially attacks on human beings by elephants, stray dogs and monkeys, etc.;
- (b) whether Government received complaints regarding attack of stray dogs in different parts of the country, if so, the details thereof along with the number of such cases reported during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) whether guidelines have been issued to deal with monkeys, stray dogs and cattle in the country and about sterilisation of these animals in the country, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a)&(b) The Animal Welfare Division of this Ministry does not maintain details regarding rate of decrease in the population of animals and increasing rate of human-animal clash, especially attacks on human beings by elephants, stray dogs and monkeys, etc. Management of wildlife (Elephant, Monkeys) is the responsibility of the concerned State/UT Governments. However, Project Elephant Division, MoEF&CC has compiled the details regarding the deaths of human beings by elephant attack are given in **Annexure**.
- (c) The Government has enacted the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001 mandating the responsibility on the local bodies to carry out Animal Birth Control Programme to control street/stray dog population and for prevention of rabies. This Ministry is implementing the Central Sector Scheme of Birth Control and Immunization of stray dogs through Animal Welfare Board of India by providing grant-in-aid to the animal welfare organizations and local bodies for implementing the animal birth control programme.

Animal Welfare Division of this Ministry is implementing AWBI Plan Scheme in which Grants-in-aid is providing to Animal Welfare Organizations/NGOs including Gaushalas/Pinjrapoles, recognized as Regular Grant for the maintenance of old and sick animals being sheltered and treated at the organization's shelter house and as cattle Rescue Maintenance Grant for the maintenance of animals rescued from illegal transportation and slaughterhouses.

Wildlife Division of this Ministry has issued guidelines in context of human-wildlife conflict to all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations dated 24th December, 2014 and 1st June, 2015, wherein the States have been requested to take pro-active steps including exercise of powers under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 for mitigation of human-wildlife conflict and also to send proposals to this Ministry, to declare appropriate animals as vermin, specify the area of applicability and period thereof, after objective assessment of the situation.

Further, Ministry has approved a pilot project on the immuno-contraception for controlling the population of wild animals responsible for damage and destruction of crops, namely; elephant, wild boar, monkey, and nilgai.

Annexure

**HUMAN DEATHS CAUSED BY ELEPHANTS DURING LAST THREE YEARS AND
CURRENT YEAR**

S. No.	State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (Upto 31.12.2018)
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	2	6	6
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1	NR	NR	NR
3	Assam	31	91	72	86
4	Chhattisgarh	53	74	74	NR
5	Jharkhand	66	59	84	NR
6	Karnataka	47	49	22	NR
7	Kerala	6	33	15	15
8	Maharashtra	1	0	0	1
9	Meghalaya	6	5	7	NR
10	Nagaland	1	1	0	1
11	Odisha	89	66	105	45
12	Tamil Nadu	49	43	49	28
13	Tripura	0	2	0	NR
14	Uttar Pradesh	0	3	1	NR
15	Uttarakhand	7	4	NR	NR
16	West Bengal	112	84	66	45
Total		469	516	501	227
