

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 118
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2024

Elephant Census

118. SHRI KULDEEP INDORA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to conduct a new elephant census in order to have an estimate of elephant's population in the country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the steps being taken to identify and restrict the development projects which pose a threat to the elephant's population in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a)&(b) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, in coordination with Wildlife Institute of India and the State Forest Departments, has initiated 'All India Synchronized Elephant Estimation' in 2022-23.
- (c) The management of wildlife habitats including elephant conservation is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/UT Administrations. Considerable part of the Elephant Reserves are overlapping with Tiger Reserves, Protected Areas, Reserved Forest and Protected Forest areas, which are protected under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Indian Forest Act, 1927 and other State Acts. The activities related to infrastructure development projects are regulated as per the existing Acts, Rules and Guidelines. Further necessary mitigation measures are also taken in developmental projects as and where applicable.
