

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:194  
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ELEPHANT RESERVES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the existing elephant reserves in Assam;

(b) whether in view of the dwindling population of elephants in Assam forests, there has been a persistent demand to include the Behali Reserve Forests under the Elephant project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) The Central Government has requested Government of Assam for setting up following Elephant Reserves.

1. Sonitpur Elephant Reserve
2. Western Assam Elephant Reserve
3. Dibru Elephant Reserve
4. Kaziranga-Karbi Anglong Elephant Reserve

Government of India has given its consent for Sonitpur, Western Assam and Dibru Elephant Reserves and the State Government has been requested to issue necessary notifications. The consent of the State Government for setting up of Kaziranga-Karbi Anglong Elephant Reserve has not been received.

(b) & (c) Behali Reserve Forest is already included under Sonitpur Elephant Reserve.