

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

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ELEPHANT SANCTUARIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of elephant sanctuaries in the country, State-wise and location-wise ;
- (b) whether more area is needed for these sanctuaries ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the facilities likely to be provided for elephants in these sanctuaries ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) There are no elephant sanctuaries. However, the details of `Elephant Reserves` state-wise and location-wise approved by Government of India are at Annexure A.
- (b) There is no such proposal.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Central Assistance is provided to the State Governments for the protection of elephants, development of elephant habitats and corridors, eliciting public co operation, mitigation of human-animal conflict, improvement of support services etc.