

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 573
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023

DNA Database of Domesticated Elephants

573. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to prepare a DNA database of domesticated elephants;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in this regard, so far; and
- (c) if so, the details of the steps taken and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a)to(c) The Ministry in collaboration with Wildlife Institute of India, has developed an App namely 'Gajah Suchana' for collection of biological samples from captive elephants across India for DNA profiling. The sample collection of captive elephants from the States of Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tripura, Uttarkhand has been completed.
