

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FENCING ALONG RAIL TRACK IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways has developed any plan to fence certain sections of track in Jharkhand State where elephants have been frequently hit by speeding trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present status of the project; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. There are few cases of elephant hits by running trains between Goelkera-Manoharpur section of Chakradharpur Division on HWH-NGP route in the past. This forest area has been recently declared as 'Elephant Reserve' by Forest Deptt. There is a proposal to provide rail fencing at vulnerable locations on 50:50 cost sharing basis by Forest Deptt. and Railways.

(b) & (d): The work of construction of elephant proof fencing on 50:50 cost sharing basis has been sanctioned. The work will be started as soon as money is deposited by the Forest Deptt. and is expected to be completed in two years thereafter.