

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

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DEATH OF ELEPHANTS IN TRAIN ACCIDENTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of death of elephants in train accidents during each of the last three years; and
- (b) the details of proposals under the consideration of the Government to prevent such incidents in future and to save the elephants?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b) The number of elephants killed in train accidents during last three years in the country are as follows:

2007 - 15

2008 - 08

2009 - 06

The matter has been taken up with the Ministry of Railways and the respective State Forest Departments and the Railways have jointly taken mitigatory measures to prevent such incidents in future. In affected States like West Bengal , Tamil Nadu , Kerala and Assam ,the two departments are meeting periodically to evolve and implement more mitigatory measures.