

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

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FUNDS FOR ELEPHANT CONSERVATION PARK
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish Elephant Conservation Parks in the country including Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the funds allocated/proposed to be allocated to these Parks; and
- (d) the time by which these Parks are likely to be established?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) (b) (c) & (d) There is no proposal for establishment of Elephant Conservation Park in the country including Karnataka State. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Project Elephant', 26 Elephant Reserves have been notified all over the country and financial assistance is provided to the states under this scheme. State-wise list of the Elephant Reserves in India is enclosed at Annexure. In addition, an Elephant Rehabilitation Centre at Bir Shikargah in Haryana has also been established under this scheme with the objective of providing shelter for seized elephants from circuses etc.