

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4619  
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DECLARATION OF ELEPHANT SANCTUARIES  
Pandey Saroj

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

- (a) whether any proposal is pending with the Government to declare Raigarh, Jashpur and Korba district of Chhattisgarh as Elephant Sanctuaries under the Project Elephant;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the time by when the proposal is pending and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) There is no proposal pending with the Ministry to declare elephant sanctuaries in the Chhattisgarh under the Project Elephant. However, the Government of Chhattisgarh had submitted proposal to notify elephant reserves in the State. Ministry has already accorded permission to the State Government to notify two elephant reserves namely Lemru Elephant Reserve and Badalkhol - Tamoringla Elephant Reserve in October, 2007. However, the State Government has not notified these Reserves as yet.