

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

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RESTORATION OF ELEPHANT CORRIDORS  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Central Government has received any proposal for restoration of Elephant Corridors;
- (b) if so, the status of the acquisition of land for the aforesaid projects and the quantum of expenditure in this regard;
- (c) whether the compensation for the land acquired have been distributed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the number of corridors existing in the country and the funds released for proper maintenance of these corridors?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Every year the Ministry receives proposals in the form of Annual Plan of Operation from States / Union Territory's for various activities under Project Elephant which includes restoration of Elephant Corridors also. In the last three years Rs. 4.5 crores has been released to Kerala and Rs. 3.25 crores to Tamil Nadu for acquisition of land for Elephant Corridors.
- (c) & (d) The acquisition process are done by respective State Governments and the details are maintained at the State level.
- (e) The Ministry has identified 138 State Elephant Corridors, 28 Inter State Elephant Corridors and 17 International Elephant Corridors. The Ministry does not maintain corridor- wise details of the release or utilization of funds.