

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

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PROTECTION OF VILLAGES FROM ELEPHANTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of elephants killed near Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan border during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to establish a Park for the elephants near Indo-Nepal border with the cooperation of Nepalese Government to protect these animals;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the simultaneous steps taken by the Government to protect the crops, lands and villages from the elephants?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

- (a) The number of elephants killed near Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bhutan border are not compiled in the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
- (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has no such proposal.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The Ministry provides financial and technical support to Elephant Range States under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Project Elephant' to take preventive steps like deployment of anti depredation squads, creation of physical barriers, improvement of habitats etc. to protect the crop, lands and villages from the elephants.