

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to conduct National Elephant census in the country.
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

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

(a),(b)&(c) The nationwide census of Elephant population in the country is conducted at the interval of 5 years and the previous such census was carried out during 2007-08. The elephant census is being conducted in the current financial year in all the elephant ranging states. Since elephants are long ranging animals, the nationwide census is undertaken simultaneously across all the states in a range, by coordinating the census exercise with all the neighboring states.