

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3546
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CREATION OF ELEPHANT RESERVES AT LEMRU
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has given approval of two elephant reserves at Lemru in Korbat (450 sq km) and Badalkhot tamarpingla in Jashpur and Sarguja (1048 sq km);
- (b) if so, the total amount released under project Elephant to the State Government of Chhattisgarh;
- (c) whether the total area approved by the Government has been reduced subsequently;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, the Government of India has given approval of two elephant reserves at Lemru in Korbat (450 sq km) and Badalkhot tamarpingla in Jashpur and Sarguja (1048 sq km):
- (b) So far the total amount released under Project Elephant to the State Government of Chhattisgarh in the last five years i.e. from 2006-07 till date is Rs. 959.98 lakhs.
- (c) to (e) Till date, Government of Chhattisgarh has notified Jashpur - Sarguja Elephant Reserve (1143.34 sq km) vide notification No. F 8-6/2007/10-2 dated 15.9.2011.

At this moment, the question of total area been reduced does not arise.