

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2096
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2013
LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY BY ELEPHANT MENACE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether loss of life and property is being caused by elephant menace in Sarguja, Jashpur and Korba areas of Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has given approval for Elephant Sanctuary in Chhattisgarh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the details of funds approved/released for this project:and
- (e) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN)

(a) Yes, Wild elephants have caused human loss & injury and also damaged properties in Chhattisgarh State including Sarguja, Korba and Jashpur District.

(b) Details of loss/damage is shown in Annexure-I

(c) MoEF, GOI vide its letter No. 2-13/2002-PE dated 05-10-2007 accorded sanction for creation of two elephant reserves in Chhattisgarh namely

1. Badalkhol-Manora & Tamorpingla
2. Lemru Elephant Reserve

Sarguja-Jashpur Elephant Reserve has been notified by Chhattisgarh State Government on 15-09-2011.

Government has not given any approval for Elephant Sanctuary in Chhattisgarh.

(d) For elephant habitat development in Chhattisgarh State following schemes are running. Details of allotment and expenditure in the last three years are below:-

(Rs.in lakhs)

Major Head	Year	Year	Year	Year	Total Exp.
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Amount
Relea	Exp.	Relea	Exp.	Relea	Exp.
sed	sed	sed	sed	(Jan, ased	Rele
amount	amount	amount	amount	2013) amount	

5502 121.00 118.27 75.00 73.30 90.00 98.27 108.27 47.70 394.00 337.54
(Project
Elephant)

6991 210.00 206.66 400.00 241.06 500.00 478.04 600.00 10.67 1710.00 936.43
(Elephant
habitat
development)

(e) There is no scheduled period for completion of the above schemes.