

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4422
ANSWERED ON:22.04.2013
PROPOSAL FOR ELEPHANT PROJECT
Sai Shri Vishnu Deo

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Chhattisgarh has forwarded a proposal to the Union Government for the elephant project; and
- (b) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government thereon along with the time by which the approval is likely to be granted?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, the State Government of Chhattisgarh had forwarded a proposal for Rs. 43.02 crore to include the State of Chhattisgarh in Project Elephant in April, 2005 to Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.
- (b) The State of Chhattisgarh was included in the Project Elephant by Ministry of Environment and Forests in the year 2006-2007 and Rs. 80 lakhs was allocated during the year. Every year the funds are released to Chhattisgarh for elephant project and till date an amount of Rs. 6.16 crores have been released to the State. The details of the amount released, year wise, are given in Annexure.