

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5350
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DESTRUCTION FROM ELEPHANTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that a herd of elephants has entered into Basantpur, Virpur and Bhimnagar areas of Supaul district of Bihar from Nepal and wrecked havoc causing the casualty in the said area:
- (b) if so, whether the Government has given any suggestions to the Government of Nepal to check such incidents;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government to stop such destruction?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes Sir. Reports of elephants from Nepal entering into the bordering areas of Supaul District (Basantpur Block) of Bihar have been received. The elephants strayed from Nepal after a shortwhile returned to Nepal. There have been no reports of any damage to humans or property.
- (b), (c) & (d) The Divisional Forest Officer, Saharsa has taken up the matter with the concerned officials of Nepal. Patrolling is being done for this purpose.