

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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Elephant Menace
Suresh Shri Doddaalahalli Kempegowda

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the rise in incidents of elephant menace in the country including Karnataka in the recent years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has made any assessment of the losses incurred due to elephant raids on standing crops, human settlements etc.;
- (c) if so, the details of the loss of standing crops and human casualties during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has paid any compensation to the affected families;
- (e) if so, the details thereof during the said period; and
- (f) whether the Government has any proposal to prevent elephant menace by installing solar fencing and using state-of-the-art technology and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) Yes Sir, reports of damage caused by elephant are received from various part of country, including Karnataka. Rise in the number of such incidents is due to fragmentation of forests and increased in human population. Number of people killed, State-wise, due to elephant attacks is given at Annexure.

(b)&(c) No, scientific, country wide, study has been carried out to assess losses incurred by elephant raids on crops and human settlements.

(d)&(e) Yes Sir, the details of compensation paid to the victims of elephant depredation for last three years are given below: