

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2367
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026

Human-Animal Conflicts and Measures for Wildlife Protection

2367. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the increasing incidents of human-animal conflict across the country due to shrinking forests, habitat fragmentation and developmental activities;
- (b) if so, the data on human casualties and wild animal deaths resulting from such conflicts during the last five years, State/UT and year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is considering the creation or expansion of buffer zones, wildlife corridors and other conservation measures to reduce human-animal conflict and protect forest habitats; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the States identified, proposed measures, timeline for implementation and funds allocated and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

- (a) & (b) Human-wildlife conflict may be attributed to population growth, expansion of human settlements and development projects into wildlife habitats and corridors, and increased wildlife populations resulting from sustained conservation efforts. The situation is aggravated by changing cropping patterns, the presence of stray cattle and dogs near forest fringes, habitat fragmentation and degradation, depletion of natural prey, and dependence on forest resources for grazing, fuelwood, fodder and other livelihood needs.

The management of wildlife including mitigation of human-animal conflicts is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration who are the first responders to any conflict situation. As per available reports in the Ministry, the details of human deaths due to attack by tigers and elephants during the last five years in various states are given at **Annexure-I** and **Annexure-II**.

- (c) & (d) The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and the Wildlife Institute of India, in accordance with Section 38O (1) (g) of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972,

have notified 32 major tiger corridors in the country. The NTCA Guidelines (2012) and Standard Operating Procedures guide tiger and habitat management. Similarly, the Ministry has also identified 150 elephant corridors in the country in 2023. The Ministry along with the State Governments and UT administrations have prepared landscape specific Regional Action Plan to address the long term conservation and management of elephants in the contiguous landscape.

Annexure –I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) and (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2367 due for reply on 03.08.2026 regarding “Human-Animal Conflicts and Measures for Wildlife Protection”.

The details of human deaths during the last five years due to tiger attacks, year-wise and State-wise

S. No.	State	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1	Assam	0	0	0	4	0
2	Bihar	1	9	1	2	4
3	Chhattisgarh	0	0	3	0	1
4	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0
5	Karnataka	0	1	8	2	0
6	Kerala	2	1	1	1	2
7	Madhya Pradesh	11	3	10	6	9
8	Maharashtra	25	80	37	41	48
9	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0
10	Odisha	0	0	0	0	0
11	Rajasthan	0	0	2	1	3
12	Tamil Nadu	1	0	1	0	0
13	Telangana	2	0	0	1	0
14	Uttar Pradesh	4	11	25	10	2
15	Uttarakhand	0	3	0	5	2
16	West Bengal	5	1	0	1	0
	Total	51	109	88	74	71

Annexure –II

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The details of human deaths during the last five years due to elephant attacks, year-wise and State-wise

S. No.	State	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	Andhra Pradesh	6	4	5	6	11
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2	2	0	0	1
3	Assam	91	63	80	74	119
4	Chhattisgarh	42	64	69	51	53
5	Jharkhand	74	133	96	87	81
6	Karnataka	26	27	29	48	36
7	Kerala	20	25	22	23	19
8	Maharashtra	0	0	2	5	4
9	Meghalaya	6	3	3	7	12
10	Nagaland	0	0	1	1	0
11	Odisha	93	112	148	154	143
12	Tamil Nadu	57	37	43	61	52
13	Tripura	1	2	2	1	1
14	Uttar Pradesh	1	0	4	4	3
15	Uttarakhand	13	12	4	8	10
16	West Bengal	47	77	97	99	79
	Total	479	561	605	629	624