

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 16
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2018**

WILDLIFE KILLED ON RAILWAY TRACKS

**16. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:
KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of elephants and wild life killed on the railway tracks during the last three years and the current year in the country, zone-wise and State-wise along with the reasons therefor;**
- (b) whether the Railways has conducted any inquiry in the matter;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to check recurrence of such incidents on the railway tracks in future?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 16 BY SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL AND KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.07.2018 REGARDING WILDLIFE KILLED ON RAILWAY TRACKS

(a) The details of elephants and wild life killed on the railway tracks due to train hits year-wise and zone-wise during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Year	2015		2016		2017		2018*		Total	
	E^	W^^								
Railway	E^	W^^								
East Central	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
East Coast	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Northern	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	5	0
North Eastern	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	3	1
Northeast Frontier	9	0	9	0	5	0	8	0	31	0
Southern	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
South Central	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
South Eastern	0	0	5	0	1	0	4	0	10	0
South East Central	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
South Western	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	3	1
West Central	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	3	0	11
Total	11	4	19	8	10	6	18	4	58	22
*Upto 30.06.2018.										
E^= Elephant killed on railway tracks.										
W^^= Wild life, other than elephants, killed on railway track.										

(b) to (d) In cases of killing of elephants/wild life on railway tracks, Zonal Railways investigate the incidences and conduct inquiry wherever necessary. Based on the findings in investigation/enquiry, a number of preventive measures are taken by Zonal Railways in coordination with Ministry of Environment and Forest which include the following:

(i) Imposition of speed restrictions in identified locations,

(ii) Provision of signage board to warn loco pilots about identified elephant corridors,

(iii) Sensitization of Train Crew and Station Masters on a regular basis,

(iv) Need based clearance of vegetation on the sides of the track within railway land,

(v) Construction of underpasses and ramps for the movement of elephants at identified locations and

(vi) Provision of fencing at isolated locations.
