

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 317
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Sub : Ex-gratia Compensation
Sri Maneswar Brahma, Hon'ble MLA.

Will the Minister of Environment & Forest be pleased to state:

- (a) What is the total number of human casualties Caused due to elephant attacks in Baksa, Tamulpur, Udalguri, Chirang, & Kokrajhar Districts under the BTC area during the last three years ?
(Please give district wise data)
- (b) What amount of ex-gratia compensation is paid by the State Government of Assam for each human death caused by elephant attack ?
- (c) Kindly furnish the district-wise total number of ex-gratia compensation sanctioned and paid to the affected families till now, as well as the number currently pending in the above-mentioned five Districts.
If pending, please state the reasons.
- (d) Will the Department take necessary steps to clear all pending ex-gratia compensation dues for the affected families at an early date ?
- (e) Kindly furnish the different measures the Department has been adopting to mitigate the Human-Elephant conflict.

ANSWER:-

Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, etc. Sri Jayanta Malla Baruah will reply-

- (a) The details of total number of human casualties caused due to elephant attack under the BTC area during last 3 (three) years are given below:-

Sl No.	Name of District	Name of Division	No. of Human casualties		
			2023	2024	2025
1	Baksa	FD, Manas TR & DFO, Baksa	4	3	10
2	Tamulpur	DFO, Baksa	8	5	16
3	Kokrajhar	DFO, Haltugaon	2	1	10
		DFO, Kachugaon	3	2	0
4	Chirang	DFO, Chirang	2	2	2
5	Udalguri	DFO, Dhansiri	17	7	11
Total			36	20	49

- (b) Rupees 4 (four) lakh is paid to the next of kin of victim in human death caused by elephant attack as per Govt. of Assam Notification No. FRE-3/2017/31, dated 06th March, 2017.

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(c) The district wise details of ex-gratia/compensation paid to the affected families till now are as follows:

Sl No.	Name of District	Name of Division	Ex-gratia/Compensation Amount (in Rupees)			
			2023	2024	2025	2026
1	Baksa	FD, Manas TR	11,17,915/-	Nil	4,00,000/-	6,69,450/-
		DFO, Baksa	21,50,000/-	43,68,500/-	41,11,500/-	12,00,000/-
2	Tamulpur	DFO, Baksa	43,36,000/-	57,46,500/-	60,21,500/-	52,00,000/-
3	Kokrajhar	DFO, Haltugaon	8,65,800/-	6,90,175/-	28,35,700/-	8,74,100/-
		DFO, Kachugaon	4,00,000/-	4,00,000/-	12,60,000/-	5,77,500/-
4	Chirang	DFO, Chirang	40,87,500/-	72,67,500/-	69,67,500/-	18,02,500/-
		FD, Manas TR	Nil	Nil	75,000/-	Nil
5	Udalguri	DFO, Dhansiri	72,48,000/-	48,14,500/-	1,62,61,100/-	19,92,000/-

N:B: = There is no pending Ex-gratia cases of human death due to Man-Animal conflict, the payment of Ex-gratia/Compensation is a continuous process and is paid to next kin of victim on priority basis as and when received Ex-gratia/Compensation proposals.

(d) The Govt. of Assam clears the pending ex-gratia/compensation as per the Govt. of Assam Notification No.FRE-3/2017/31, dated 06th March, 2017 on priority basis.

(e) The details of the measures adopting by the State of Assam to mitigate the human-elephant conflict are given below:

1. Government of Assam has notified 33 nos. of identified elephant corridors on Railway Tracks and for these areas, Coordination committees was also constituted comprising of Deputy Commissioner and Officers of various departments including Railway Officials to prevent death of wild animals especially elephants by vehicle hit, train hit, electrocution or poisoning etc'. 24X7 surveillance by frontline staff along identified elephant corridor along railway tracks, speed regulation of trains along the sensitive stretches, close coordination of on duty forest officials and railway department has also prevented train hits of elephants.
2. Government of Assam has identified and delineated 9 (nine) animal corridors connecting Karbi Anglong Hill and Kaziranga National Park for safe passage of animals between the two landscapes.
3. The Governor of Assam re- designated the “Anti – Rhino Poaching Task Force” as “Anti-Poaching Task Force” under the Chairmanship of Special DGP (Law & Order) to curb Rhino Poaching in the State of Assam.
4. As per the Hon’ble NGT directives in O.A. No. 472/2018/EZ (earlier O.A No.19/2014/EZ) and in accordance with the WII report “Deepor Beel Railway Track Mitigation Plan”, steps for 'Provision of under pass and viaduct to provide mitigation measures in Elephant Corridors near Deepor Beel area between stations Azara and Kamakhya in connection with New Bongaigaon-Goalpara-Kamakhya Railway Doubling Project’ has been initiated by NF Railways.
5. In Deepor Beel area during crossing of railway track by elephants/ detection of presence of elephant in close vicinity of the track, speed of the train is further lowered and sometimes completely halted if required until the herd of elephants cross the track safely. Due to close coordination of the patrolling Forest frontline staff and local Railway officials, train hit deaths of elephants crossing to and fro from Deepar Beel WLS and Rani Reserve Forest has been prevented.

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6. The Railway authority has introduced the 'Intrusion Detection System (IDS)' along the Railway track passing through Nagaon South Division, Hojai for early detection of any Animals in the Railway track. The alert system is monitored and supervised through online system from the Control room set up for the purpose at DRM Office, Lumding. In the sensitive areas with more elephant movement as well as in elephant corridor areas, Railway department has laid down underground sensor cables towards Lumding RF to a extend of 50 (fifty) meters from the Railway track. As a result, the presence of elephant nearby railway track is detected & transmitted to the Control Room & accordingly the information is circulated to the concerned Loco Pilots, other Officials/staff of Forest and Railway Department.
7. As a permanent mitigation measure, Kaziranga Elevated Corridor Road Project [Upgradation (4-lane) from Kaliabor to Numaligarh Section of NH-37 (New NH-715)] has been recommended by SC-NBWL in its 78th Meeting held on 22nd February, 2024.
8. Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve Animal Sensor system has been installed in 06 locations to monitor to & fro movement of animals across NH-37 (Asian Highway- 1) and regulate vehicle movements accordingly.
9. The Assam Forest Department in collaboration with NGOs viz. "Aaranyak", "WWF" and "Dakshin Foundation" has radio collared 11 (eleven) wild elephants in Assam to monitor their movement pattern so that early warning can be provide to mitigate conflict situation.
10. Artificial Canopy Bridge has been set-up in various divisions for safe passage of arboreal animals.
11. Carrying out patrolling duties on regular basis by constituting Rapid Response Teams in elephant depredation prone areas under the various Forest Divisions with proper monitoring to scare away wild elephants from human habitation straying out from forest areas.
12. Continuous patrolling is carried out using the MStrIPES Patrol Mobile Application, allowing for real time monitoring as well as creation of WhatsApp groups comprising of officers from both Railways and Forest department for sharing real time information about elephant movements.
13. Installation of solar fencing, watch towers and Anti- Poaching Camp along the boundaries of Protected Areas to prevent wildlife from straying into human habitation.
14. On detection of any stray incident of Rhino, Royal Bengal Tiger, leopard, Wild Buffalo etc.; prompt response by concerned DFOs to drive back the animal or undertake rescue and rehabilitation as per field scenario is done. Support of District Administration & Police for law & order support is also taken.
15. Rescue and of rehabilitation of distressed wild animals are taken up by DFOs with the support of Veterinary teams from Assam State Zoo & Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC).
16. Timely disposal of claims for ex-gratia, compensation for human death, injury, crop damage, house damage, and livestock are done as per government norms.
