

1	2	3	4	5	6
28.	Punjab	4	105	166	346
29.	Rajasthan	3	131	208	840
30.	Sikkim	1	1	2	4
31.	Tamil Nadu	6	498	487	713
32.	Tripura	1	1	3	8
33.	Uttar Pradesh	6	329	338	1692
34.	Uttarakhand	3	33	82	107
35.	West Bengal	6	88	93	103
TOTAL:		85	3345	3524	10344

#### Deaths of elephants by speeding trains

\*77. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of deaths of elephants caused by speeding trains, during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that five elephants died recently due to speeding Coromandel Express train in Ganjam district of Odisha on 30th December, 2012; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the railway authorities to prevent the deaths of elephants by speeding trains?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) The number of elephants killed on railway tracks during the last three years and the current year are as under:—

Year	East Central Railway	East Coast Railway	Northern Railway	Northeast Frontier Railway	Southern Railway	South Eastern Railway	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2010	Nil	Nil	Nil	19	1	Nil	20

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2011	1	1	Nil	7	Nil	Nil	9
2012	Nil	6	Nil	6	Nil	3	15
2013 (upto 31.01.13)	Nil	Nil	2	3	Nil	Nil	5

(b) An unfortunate incident involving death of five elephants on East Coast Railway has occurred on 30.12.2012 between Rumbha-Humma Stations in Ganjam district of Odisha.

(c) Ministry of Railways is holding regular meetings with the Ministry of Environment and Forests to take remedial measures for controlling elephant casualties. Elephant corridors have been identified by the Forest Department, and on such corridors speed restrictions have been imposed and signage boards provided to pre-warn the train drivers. Advisory to Zonal Railways have also been issued to sensitise Train Crew and Station Masters on a regular basis. Instructions have also been issued for need based clearance of vegetation on the sides of the track within railway land.

In consultation with the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) and Forest Departments of the State Governments, Railways is also attempting to find a more lasting solution in the matter through deposit works consisting of measures such as construction of ramps and underpasses etc., the cost of which will be borne by the Forest Department.

#### **Setting up of milk co-operatives in Maharashtra**

\*78. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is promoting village based milk procurement system and milk cooperatives to provide remunerative prices to farmers in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many milk co-operatives have so far been set up in Maharashtra with Central assistance and how many of them are run by women; and