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Jumbo menace: Govt to erect 118-km rail barricade

Cabinet gives approval for Rs 100-crore project

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The Cabinet on Thursday decided to erect 118 km of rail barricades at a cost of Rs 100 crore inside Nagarahole, Bandipur and other forests to prevent conflict between wild elephants and humans.

In all, the government has a target of putting up 515.50 km of rail barricades to prevent elephants from entering human habitats over the next three years at a cost of Rs 628 crore.

"To mitigate the elephant menace and find a permanent solution to the man-animal conflict, it has been de-

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cided to erect 118-km railway barricades in forest areas at a cost of Rs 100 crore," Law Minister J C Madhuswamy said, briefing reporters. The rail barricades will cut through the forests of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve (24 km), Bandipur (17 km), Madikeri (19 km), Virajpet (3 km), Male Mahadeshwara in Kollegal (13 km), Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary in Kollegal (15 km), Ramanagara (6 km), Bannerghatta National Park (15 km) and Hassan (6 km). Madhuswamy said the government wanted to use rail barricades as earlier methods to prevent wild elephants from straying into human habitats - the use of barbed wires, for example - were unsuccessful.

Last year, the Supreme Court had directed Karnataka to remove spikes in places frequented by wild elephants on a PIL filed by conservationist Prerna Singh Bindra

OTHER DECISIONS

- Sub-committee under chief minister to decide special incentives for mega industrial projects.
- To recommend release of 20 prisoners on the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Gandhi.
- Compensation of Rs 10 lakh to the family of farmer Subbanna who died after being accidentally shot during KSRP training.
- Rs 500 hike in the monthly honorarium of Asha workers, with which they will totally receive Rs 6,500.
- Filling up 239 tanks at a cost of Rs 504 crore in Haveri district.
- Rs 12 crore to upgrade blood banks and storage centres.
- Additional notebooks and stationery for 824 residential institutions under the Social Welfare department at a cost of Rs 26 crore with an exemption for tendering.

to avoid any cruelty to them.

"The state government has installed used-rail barricades in some rough terrain including black cotton soils. However, there are still some small gaps in the barricades, which cannot be sealed by these structures. In such ar-

reas, spikes were being used to deter elephants from entering habitations," the state government had told the top court in an affidavit. "For every one km of railway barricade," Madhuswamy said, "the government will need Rs 1.20 crore."