

# Sonakshi Sinha

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Shri Gajendra Singh Khimsar  
Minister for Forest, Environment, Youth Affairs and Sports  
6316 Mantralaya Bhawan  
18-D, Civil Lines  
Jaipur 302 006

Dear Minister,

I am writing on behalf of my friends at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India to request that you take immediate steps to seize an elephant, known simply as "Number 44", who is being forced to give rides in Jaipur. As you undoubtedly know, tourists recently witnessed this elephant being violently beaten, in violation of the law.

It has been three years since an inspection team authorised by the Animal Welfare Board of India documented rampant and widespread abuse of elephants used for rides in Jaipur, including at Amber Fort. As this recent beating indicates, conditions there remain extremely grim. Elephants are suffering and need help now.

I respectfully request that you start with Number 44, who should be confiscated and sent to a rehabilitation facility for treatment and care. This animal deserves to live without chains and in the company of other elephants.

Thank you for your consideration. May I please hear from you? I can be reached through my friend Sachin Bangera at PETA India. You can contact him at [SachinB@petaindia.org](mailto:SachinB@petaindia.org).

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sonakshi Sinha" with a small circular mark at the end of the line.

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